



Portable Handwashing Sink Guidelines

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Portable handwashing sinks are acceptable to use when plumbed sinks are not available or as an option to install.

- Portable handwashing sinks should be used for handwashing only.
- Licensing requires that portable sinks are filled with water from an approved community water system or from a source tested and approved annually by the state department of health.
- It is recommended for portable sinks to have hot and cold water.
- Portable sinks should not be used for drinking. No food or bottle preparation, toothbrushing or washing bottles/dishes/pacifiers/mouthed toys should be done using a portable sink.
- Child care providers should consult with their local health department regarding approved portable sinks before purchasing. Sinks should be NFS (National Sanitation Foundation) Certified.
- Follow the manufacturer's guidelines regarding use, maintenance, cleaning, and sanitation.
- Consult with your health & safety specialist with questions.