

New Mexico Environment Department Presents:

Food Safety Tip



As you all are aware, the NMED adopted a new set of regulations that went into effect on August 12, 2000. Many of the regulations did not change but one of them did that may be of importance to you all. The regulation I am referring to is 7.6.2.9.H.2, page 21, of the New Mexico Food Service and Food Processing Regulations which states,

'No person shall... consume food or drink in the food preparation or processing areas, in equipment and utensil washing areas, or while engaged in serving food except that a food employee may drink from a closed beverage container if the container is equipped with a straw and is handled to prevent contamination of food, hands, equipment, utensils, and linens...'

As a variety of containers out there that have lids, I thought you might want to know the types that can be used. Here are some of the types that can be used:



Soft plastic or styrofoam cups do not offer the protection that is needed in your preparation areas where these can be used.