

Agricultural Field Toilet Inspection Program

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Stakeholder outreach efforts

- Meetings with Farm Bureau
- Meetings with Farm labor contractor organizations
- Presentations to insurance groups
- Media outreach to promote the program

Inspectors make sure farmworkers' toilets are clean

TIME TO TIDY UP



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Susan Bravo, county Environmental Health Specialist II, inspects one of Ronnie Alderete's field toilets in Salinas on Wednesday. Below: A hand-washing station is outside the toilet.

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Monterey County health officials launched renewed enforcement efforts Wednesday to make certain that portable field toilets used by farmworkers are clean.

The increased inspections are meant to encourage good hygiene among workers and to prevent crops from being contaminated.

The county's Agricultural Field Toilet Inspection Program requires clean toilets,

hand-washing stations and drinking water for Monterey County's workers, enforcing long-standing state laws with new resolve.

"We used to do this in the '80s and '90s," said Lourdes Bosquez, Salinas office supervisor of Consumer Health Protection Services. "Now, with the E. coli outbreaks, we thought it was important that we brought the program back."



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Developing the Program

Inspection Process

Phase I :
Initial Inspections at the
agricultural farm
site or storage yard.

Phase II :
Field based Inspections




Inspection Criteria

- Verify compliance with *CH&SC Sections 113310-113355*
- Compliance issues can be addressed in the field, items in red require immediate correction.
- Re-inspections may be required
- “Return to Compliance” form substituted for re-inspections

MONTEREY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

AGRICULTURAL FIELD TOILET INSPECTION

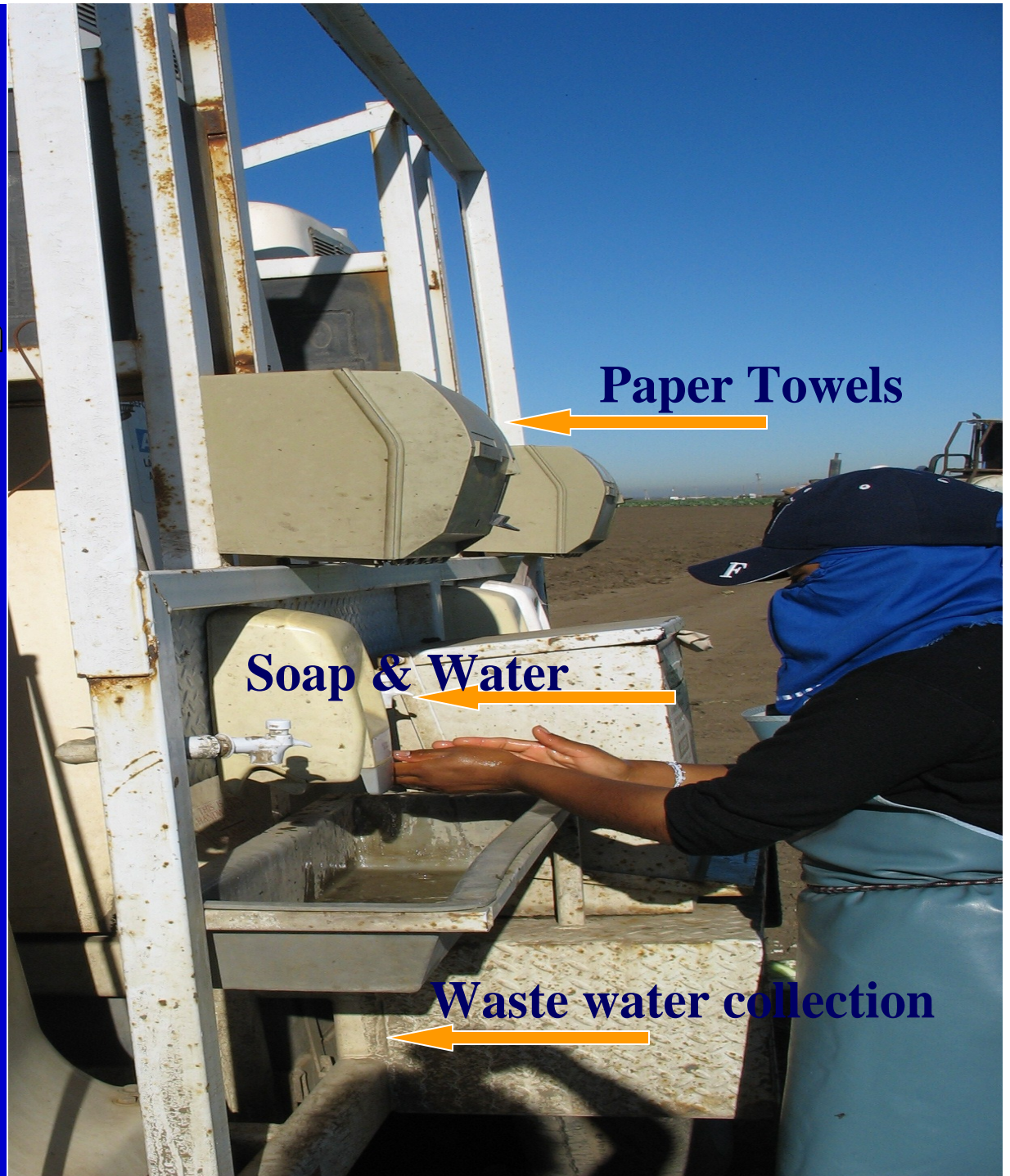


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 620 Broadway, Ste N
King City, CA 93930 (831) 386-6890

Company Name:		Address:		Permit #:	
Business Phone #:		Cell Phone #:			
Inspection Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Reinspection <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint		Location of Inspection: <input type="checkbox"/> Yard <input type="checkbox"/> Ranch			
The marked items represent Health Code violations and must be corrected as follows: Violations printed in red require immediate correction.					
Complies YES NO		Complies YES NO			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Toilet facilities are properly identified.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. The contents of the toilets are disposed of in a permitted manner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Toilet and handwash facilities are within a 5 minute walk or 1/4 mile from the work location.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Toilet paper is provided in a suitable holder for each toilet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Toilet facilities are maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Handwash facilities are provided at the unit or in the immediate vicinity.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Toilet facilities are appropriately screened to exclude vermin and flies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Provide soap and towels at handwash facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Toilet facilities are properly ventilated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17. The water tank has a minimum capacity of 15 gallons or greater.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Toilet facilities are provided with self-closing doors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Wastewater tank at handwash facility must have a capacity of 30 gallons or greater.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Toilet facilities are lockable from the inside.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Signs are posted indicating that the water is only for handwash purposes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Toilet facilities have a minimum area of 8 sq. ft. and a minimum width of 2 1/2 ft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Potable drinking water is provided and readily accessible to all employees.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Toilet facilities containing a urinal have a minimum area of 10 sq. ft. and a minimum width of 2 1/2 ft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21. The water is fresh, pure, cool and in sufficient amounts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. The waste water tank is durable and easily cleanable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22. The water is dispensed in single use, drinking cups or by fountains.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11. The waste water tank has a capacity of 40 gallons or greater.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. For each 20 employees, one separate toilet is required for each gender.			
A \$ _____ reinspection fee will be charged when violations noted during an inspection are not corrected.					
Inspected by: _____		Received by: _____		Date: _____	

Agricultural Field Toilet Inspection Program Inspection Criteria

1. EHD inspection program focusing on availability of water for hand washing, soap/paper towels.
2. Verification of the availability & proximity of field toilets to farm workers in agricultural settings.
3. Providing potable water from an approved source.



The EHD will inspect for :

- sanitation of the field toilet.
- the field toilet is properly maintained.
- Permitted liquid waste haulers used “closing the loop”

SHORTY'S
PORTABLE TOILETS
(831) 422-6286

DATE	DATE	DATE
1-9-06	4-14-07	
2-6-06	4-6-07	
2-9-06	4-9-07	
2-13-06	4-12-07	
2-15-06	4-14-07	7-30-07
2-20-06	4-24-07	7-3-08
2-23-06	2-5-07	7-10-08
3-1-06	2-16-07	7-14-08
3-7-06	2-17-07	7-18-08
3-9-06	2-18-07	7-21-08
3-16-06	2-21-07	7-24-08
3-20-06	2-26-07	7-31-08
3-22-06	2-28-07	8-4-08
3-24-06	2-29-07	8-11-08
3-29-06	4-5-07	
3-30-06	4-11-07	
3-15-07	3-1-08	
3-19-07	3-5-08	
3-22-07	3-8-08	
3-26-07	3-12-08	
3-29-07	3-15-08	



Compliant Field Toilets

- All F T's meeting the inspection criteria will receive a EHD seal. Each seal will indicate that the owner and operator are meeting requirements of the CH&SC.
- The color of the seal changes annually and matches the DMV vehicle registration tags.
- Seals may be revoked at anytime for noncompliance.



Environmental Health Web page

- Fee Schedule
- Application form
- Inspection form
- Regulations
- Sewage Spill Response Protocols

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Monterey County Health Department website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/health/EnvironmentalHealth/ConsHealth/AgriToiletProgram.htm>. The website header includes the Monterey County Health Department logo and navigation links for Home, Services, Health Alerts, Publications, Physician Information, and FAQ. The main content area is titled "Environmental Health Division" and "CONSUMER HEALTH PROTECTION SERVICES". It features a table for the "Agricultural Field Toilet Inspection Program" with links to various documents.

		Word	PDF
1	Fee Schedule		
2	Application Form		
3	Inspection Form		
4	State Regulations		
5	Sewage Spill Response Protocol		

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