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**Basic Ice Cream Shop Requirements**

* A three compartment sink that is large enough to accommodate the largest piece of equipment being washed allowing it to be fully immersed in water.
* A hand washing sink equipped with mounted (dispensed) paper towels and hand soap.
* A mop sink.
* Floor drains if required by the plumbing code. Speak with your local plumbing inspector (LPI) to find out if your establishment is required to have floor drains.
* Dipping wells with running water if serving hard scoop ice cream.
* An employee toilet room with exhaust vent and a self-closing door. Customers may not access this if access is through the kitchen.
* A customer toilet room if required by the Maine Internal Plumbing Code with exhaust vent and a self-closing door. Speak to your LPI to determine if this is required. This can meet the requirement for an employee toilet room as well.
* All surfaces (floors, walls, ceilings, counter tops and shelving) must be smooth and easily cleanable with no cracks or crevices. No unfinished wood surfaces are allowed.
* Screened windows and doors. Outside doors should be self-closing. Service windows must be screened and closed when product is not being passed through. Air screens may also be used.
* Adequate refrigeration to maintain potentially hazardous foods at 41\*F or below.
* All shelving must be at least 6” off the floor. No food or equipment including single service items may be stored on the floor.
* All lighting in food prep/service/storage areas must be shatter proof or shielded.
* A potable water source that has been approved and tested (if from a private well).
* Adequate hot water to fill two sink compartments of the three compartment sink for washing and rinsing with 110\*F water and one sink compartment with at least 75\*F water for sanitizing while maintaining a continuous supply of 100\*F hot water to the hand washing sink.
* An approved septic system if business is not connected to a municipal sewer system.