

Types of Roadside Vendors

Coconut water vendor set-ups can either be:

1. **Mobile** - means the set-up can be readily transported to and from that site or to another vendor site location; e.g., food trucks, stands/booths or tables;
2. **Non-mobile** - means a set-up that is operated from a stationary structure, i.e., it cannot be transported to other site locations.

Consider The Following

1. Ensure that the approved site location and immediate surrounding environment is free of garbage, derelict vehicles and any other type of debris that would be considered an eyesore and that can potentially harbor pests (rodents) and stray animals;
2. Ensure that accumulated waste can be effectively managed on a daily basis, making sure the waste is taken to a waste collection site or to the city dump; or, arrange for the waste to be picked up and dumped by a responsible party;
3. Ensure that staff are within half a mile (2,640ft.) of a clean and sanitary restroom facility with running water, hand wash soap and drying towels or an automatic dryer, to facilitate the use of same should the need arise.

Protect Your Clientele

If you are suffering from an illness (cough, cold, flu, sore throat with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, etc.):

- and you are not the owner, notify your supervisor or manager so that a replacement can be identified and if this is not possible, **CLOSE** the business;
- remove/restrain from handling any food;
- seek medical attention if deemed necessary; and
- do not return to work unless cleared by a medical doctor.

YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS



Basic Set-Up

Requirements

1. The site location must be approved for use;
2. A wide enough covering or tent must cover the coconut extraction process and work area to protect against sun exposure, bird or other animal droppings and unfavorable weather conditions;
3. A folding table or a stand that is moveable after each day and or period of use, that is properly cleaned and sanitized before returning to and upon setting up at the site;
4. A portable (movable) hand wash station/unit to ensure access to clean water for maintaining proper hand hygiene. Hands should be washed whenever they become dirty;
5. If a cutlass is used to open the coconut, ensure the following:
 - It is of a food safe quality that will not rust, i.e., stainless steel;
 - It is only used to cut clean coconuts;
 - it is sanitized before and after each use or sale of product to each consumer; and
 - It is kept secure and on a clean surface, out of the reach of customers.
6. For other types of coconut cutting/extraction devices, it must be cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis or whenever it becomes dirty.

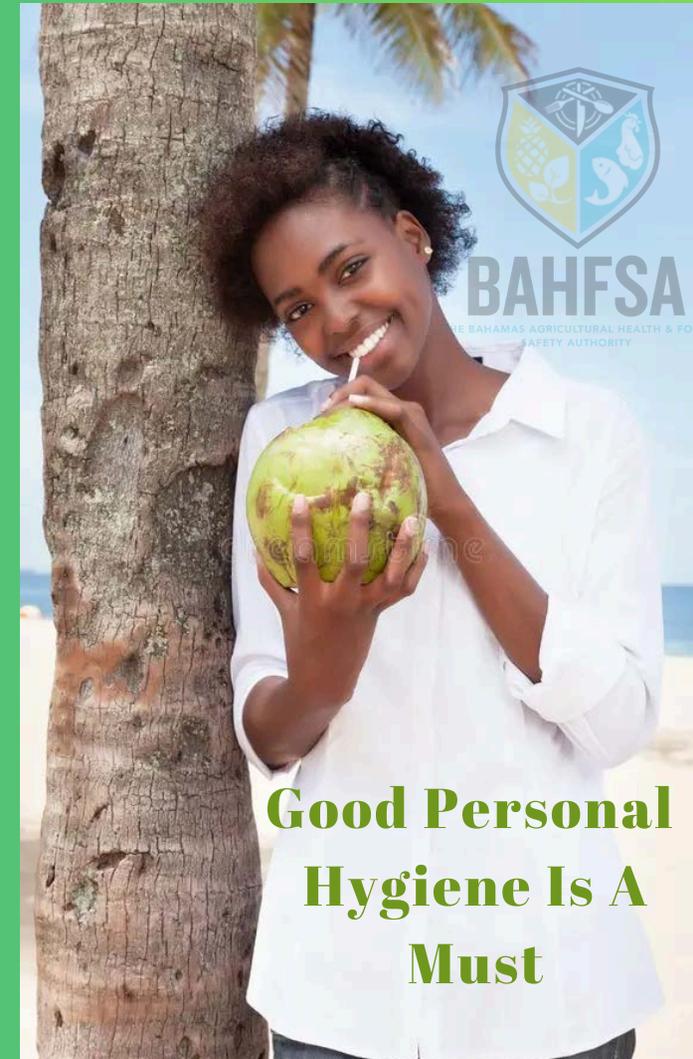
Mobile Coconut Water Vendors



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1. Should have two solid bins or containers to:
 - Contain the clean, unused coconuts; and
 - Collect the damaged, unusable and extracted coconut husks.
2. Are required to have a cooler with adequate amounts of ice to store or keep coconuts cool before extraction and sale to the customer;
3. Must ensure that coconut water is not extracted unless:
 - It is sold on the spot; or
 - It is stored immediately in or at refrigerator temperature (40°F or below) or in a freezer at 0°F or below to maintain optimal coconut water quality.
4. Should not allow coconut water to be stored in the sun because it will:
 - Diminish the quality of the product and alter its appearance by becoming cloudy;
 - Encourage the growth of spoilage organisms such as bacteria and yeast that become unsafe for the consumer.

5. Like all food vendors, must maintain a level of personal hygiene by ensuring the following:
 - Their physical appearance is clean and a bath is taken each day; vendors are encouraged to wear a uniform;
 - Their hair is tied back to reduce the likelihood of hair entering the product during extraction and transfer into a glass, jug or container; A hairnet or hat can also be worn for extra protection;
 - They wear a disposable apron or a cloth apron that is cleaned each day and/or changed when it becomes soiled (dirty) during the course of the day;
 - Ensure that gloves are available for use in instances where a vendor has a cut or other skin lesion on their hand. Note that false nails or fingernail polish should not be worn when extracting coconut water. Otherwise, wear disposable gloves.



Good Personal Hygiene Is A Must

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