In-Use Utensil Storage

Prevent Contamination Between Uses

TCS Foods -

In Food



Utensil handle must be above the top of the food and container

Near Food



On a clean food preparation surface; utensils and surface must be sanitized every 4 hours

In Water



In running water flowing fast enough to flush particles to the drain



In a container of water kept at 135°F or above or 41°F or below Wash, rinse and sanitize the container and utensil every 24 hours

Non-TCS Foods

In Food



In containers or equipment that can be closed, such as bins of sugar, flour, or cinnamon with the handle above the top of the food

Stored Between Uses



In a clean, protected location and wash, rinse and sanitize once every 24 hours



Hang on a hook inside the ice machine or store in a clean food-grade container near the machine—do not store on top of the machine or in the ice

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Do not store in-use utensils in sanitizer solutions.

