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Title: **Policy for Potable Water Used for Drinking and Handwashing**

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1. All potable water sources must have been tested annually to maintain quality and freedom from pathogenic bacteria.
2. A municipal water source is considered potable and a current test (within past 12 months) from the municipality shall be kept on record.
3. The water test must be done by a GLP accredited laboratory.
4. Results must indicate absence of both e coli and total fecal coliform to be acceptable for drinking or handwashing.
5. If handwash stations are used where potable water is not available, the water will be shocked with household chlorine bleach (free of fragrances and additives) at a rate of 1/8 teaspoon per gallon of water. Let treated water stand for 30 minutes before using.
(Virginia Department of Health News Release, October, 2012)
6. If handwash stations are contracted through a private contractor, the grower will request a confirmation of test and source of contractor's water. This confirmation will be kept on record in POA manual (4.33)