

WAC 246-215-03318 Preventing food and ingredient contamination—Washing fruits and vegetables (FDA Food Code 3-302.15). (1) Except as specified in subsection (2) of this section, and except for whole, raw fruits and vegetables that are intended for washing by the CONSUMER before consumption, raw fruits and vegetables not in a READY-TO-EAT form must be thoroughly rinsed under running water to remove soil and other contaminants after any soaking and before being cut, combined with other ingredients, cooked, served, or offered for human consumption in READY-TO-EAT form.

(2) Fruits and vegetables may be washed by using chemicals as specified under WAC 246-215-07225.

(3) Devices used for on-site generation of chemicals meeting the requirements specified in 21 C.F.R. 173.315, Chemicals Used in the Washing or to Assist in the Peeling of Fruits and Vegetables, for the washing of raw, whole fruits and vegetables must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(4) For the purposes of this section, raw vegetables include fresh herbs and sprouts.

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