



<b>FS-SWP-210.1</b>		<b>GARBORATOR</b>	
Department / Area: <b>Nutrition &amp; Food Services</b>		Date Created: January 20, 2014	Review / Revised date: March 1, 2018
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<b>Potential Hazards:</b> <b>Fill in those that apply</b>	<b>Personal protective equipment / devices required / other safety considerations</b>
<b>H M L risk for injury</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp points/edges: slicing blade is sharp <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Machinery/Cutting blade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate close fitting clothing: nothing dangling</li> <li>• Caution: do not use chemical solvents or other drain cleaning compounds through the garborator.</li> </ul>
	<b>Training / Reference information</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department Orientation / Checklist</li> <li>• WHMIS / training annually</li> <li>• MSDS / binder location</li> <li>• First Aid procedures in the event of injury</li> <li>• Job Hazard Analysis</li> <li>• Operator's manual</li> </ul>

**Note:** Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report these to your supervisor.

**Employers must ensure that workers are trained and follow this safe work procedure**  
**Steps to perform this task safely:**

### Operating

1. Visually confirm there are no foreign objects in the garborator before using it.
2. Ensure food wastes feed into machine at a uniform rate that does not over work the machine.
3. Ensure sink guard/collar is in place before using garborator.
4. **Never put fingers, utensils or any other hard materials that is not food waste into the garborator.**
5. If item becomes lodged or garborator suddenly stops or makes unusual noises, turn power off, wait for a few minutes until blades stop rotating. **DO NOT PUT YOUR HAND OR UTENSILS IN THE GARBORATOR OR TRY TO TURN IT BACK ON.**
6. Call Supervisor or Maintenance immediately. Before proceeding Supervisor/Maintenance shall shut off electrical power to the panel.
7. Do not allow plastic, waxed cardboard, glass, metal, cutlery, cloth, string, tin foil, bones or other foreign material into the garborator.
8. Make sure there is a good water flow to the garborator. If not, stop feeding for a few minutes until the return water resumes its normal flow.
9. When not operating the garborator leave the stopper in place to reduce the risk of objects falling into the garborator.

### Cleaning

1. Daily cleaning will reduce unpleasant odors and the possibility for any growth from food remains.
2. Spraying water on or in the direction of the electrical panel or motor (underneath) may result in serious injury.