Dial Stem Thermometer Calibration

Ice Point Method

- Fill a container with a mixture of crushed ice and water.
- The container must have crushed ice throughout, so you may have to pack more ice into the container during the process.
- After four or five minutes, put the thermometer in the container past the dimple on the stem.
- Be sure to hold the stem away from the bottom and sides of the container to avoid error.
- If your thermometer is not accurate within ±2 °F of 32 °F, adjust the thermometer accordingly. Use the plastic sleeve/wrench to turn the hex adjusting nut. Keep thermometer in water while adjusting.

The ice point method permits calibration to within 0.1 °F.

Boiling Point Method

- After the water in the container has reached a complete “rolling” boil, insert the thermometer. The boiling point in Wisconsin is 211 °F.
- Be sure there is at least a two-inch clearance between the stem or sensing element and the bottom and sides of the container.
- If your thermometer is not accurate within ±2 °F of 211 °F, adjust thermometer accordingly. Use the plastic sleeve/wrench to turn the hex adjusting nut. Keep thermometer in water while adjusting.

The boiling point method permits calibration to within 1.0 °F.

REMEMBER!

- A thermometer that is even a few degrees off could be a great risk.
- Sanitize thermometers before and in between use
- Calibrate thermometers frequently, especially after being dropped.
- Thermometers don’t last forever, so replace them as needed.