

As Soon As Your Power Goes Out

Listen to the radio or call the power company to find out when the power will be restored.



A full freezer will keep food safely frozen for two days after losing power.



A half full freezer will keep food safely frozen for about one day.



Food in a refrigerator will stay chilled for four to six hours.



If you suspect the power outage will last longer than the time your food can safely be stored in your refrigerator and freezer



The more dry ice you use in the freezer, the longer the food will stay frozen. Twenty five pounds of dry ice will keep food in a full freezer frozen for about four days and food in a half full freezer frozen for two to three days.



Place block ice or bagged ice on the upper shelves of the freezer, with a pan to catch the melting ice underneath. Keep a thermometer in the refrigerator in the furthest place from the ice. The food should remain below 40°.



Open the refrigerator and freezer doors only when absolutely necessary, like when you are adding the ice. Opening the doors will significantly increase the temperature and will therefore decrease the amount of time that the food will remain safe.



If dry ice or block ice is not available, eat perishable foods first.

