



Learn about food safety during a power outage to keep your family safe!

During a power outage:



Keep fridge/freezer doors closed to maintain temperature

Food in fridge will stay cold for 4-6 hours if door kept closed

Full freezer will keep food frozen for roughly two days

Half-full freezer will keep food frozen for one day

If power is going to be out longer:



Add ice to fridge/freezer to keep temperatures cooler

Move food to new location with power.

Transport food in a cooler to keep it cold (4°C)

Throw out food if:



Completely thawed or at room temperature

Discoloured or smells bad

It's safe to refreeze food if:



Ice crystals are present in the food

There is no smell or sign of spoiling

If in doubt about the safety of food, throw it out! Eating unsafe food can make you sick.

For more information, call the HKPR District Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5006