

MID-OHIO VALLEY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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POWER OUTAGE REQUIREMENTS

If your facility is in the affected area of a power outage, and your food establishment has a generator, please make sure all refrigeration units where potentially hazardous food are stored are properly connected to the generator. If not, all potentially hazardous foods **MUST** be moved to a properly functioning refrigeration unit and maintained at 41 degrees or lower.

If your facility is in the affected area and is **NOT** on a generator, and you have no other power source, the facility should remain closed during the power outage. You should follow these guidelines;

- 1) You should move any refrigerated foods that can be frozen to the freezer, prior to the outage.
- 2) Once power is off, all refrigeration and freezer unit doors should remain closed in order to attempt to maintain food temperatures at 41 degrees or lower. Record the temperature and the time when the power goes off.
- 3) Ice and ice packs can be used temporarily to help maintain food at the required temperature.
- 4) Someone **MUST** be at the facility to monitor and record temperatures, especially at the time power is restored. **DO NOT SEND EVERYONE HOME.**
- 5) Any potentially hazardous foods that are above 41 degrees (for a maximum of 6 hours), shall be discarded. If the food items reach 70 degrees, they must be discarded regardless of the time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 304-420-1460.

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