

COVID-19 Food Safety Tips

It is recommended to have a two week supply of food on hand. Public utilities such as power, water and sewer are not expected to be impacted during this event.

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Protein or fruit bars
- Dry cereal or granola
- Peanut or other nut butters
- Dried fruit
- Canned juices
- Non-perishable pasteurized milk
- Food for infants

PERISHABLE FOODS

- Meats: chicken, beef, pork, seafood (should be frozen or cooked and eaten before 7 days)
- Eggs
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Milk and other dairy products

Food Safety & Sanitation

DO:

- Keep perishable items refrigerated at 41° or below
- Keep food in covered containers
- Keep cooking and eating utensils clean, do not share eating or drinking utensils
- Discard any food that been at room temperature for two hours or more
- Discard any food that has an usual color, odor or texture
- Keep excess perishable items frozen to avoid spoilage
- Follow all recommended expiration dates by manufacturer or discard prepared, ready-to-eat foods after seven (7) days

DON'T:

- Eat foods from cans that are swollen, dented or corroded, even though the product may look safe to eat
- Eat any food that looks or smells abnormal, even if it looks normal
- Let garbage accumulate inside, both for fire and sanitation reasons

Cooking

ALWAYS cook foods to their minimum required internal temperatures

- Chicken, poultry and wild game 165°°
- Ground beef or pork 155°
- Fin Fish and Eggs 145°
- Reheat leftovers to 165°

And remember – WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT!

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