



**KALAMAZOO COUNTY
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Promoting Health For All

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Extended Power Outage Instructions

Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services encourages all food establishments to follow these instructions when power is lost to the facility:

- Food establishments without power shall cease operation unless power can be maintained through use of a generator that would allow the facility to operate at normal capacity.
- Food establishments without the ability to generate hot water shall cease operations.
- Keep refrigeration unit doors closed. Pack perishable food with commercially made ice or dry ice. Note time power was lost and initial temperature of refrigeration units.
- If water to the food establishment is supplied by a water well additional testing may be required. Please contact Hope Stanley at (269) 373-5355 for further instruction.

Before reopening, food establishment operators must follow these instructions:

- Discard all potentially hazardous foods exceeding the following time and temperature ranges:
 - 42°F or higher for five or more hours
 - 46°F or higher for four or more hours
 - 50°F or higher for two or more hours
 - 42°F or higher for an unknown amount of time
- Refrigeration equipment must be able to maintain foods at 41°F or below.
- Frozen foods that remain solid or semi-solid can be refrozen if food packages show no evidence of thawing, such as stains or container damage.
- Food establishment operators must also clean and sanitize surfaces and equipment, including ice bins and ice machines.

If you have any questions please contact our office at (269) 373-5210.

