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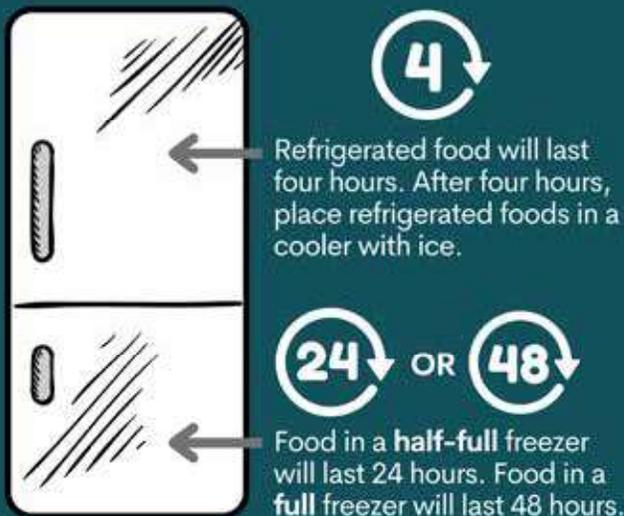
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Keep Food Safe During and After a Power Outage

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after a power outage. Use these tips to minimize food loss and reduce risk of illness.



Food Safety Tips

1. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
2. Throw out any food with an unusual odor, color or texture.
3. Throw out perishable food in your refrigerator after four hours without power or a cold source (like a cooler with ice).

When in doubt, throw it out!



Electrical safety tips for hunters

As you prepare for hunting season, keep in mind that along with general hunting safety, electrical safety should be a priority.

You might be preoccupied and excited about the big hunt, but be aware of power lines. **Never place a tree stand on a utility pole or near a power line.** Energized lines and related equipment on utility poles can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.

Do not shoot near or toward power lines, utility poles, transformers or substations. Stray bullets or pellets could damage equipment, possibly interrupting electric service and causing physical risks to those nearby.

For your safety, follow these additional electrical safety tips:

- Familiarize yourself with the area before heading out to hunt. Take note of power lines and equipment, especially when hunting in densely wooded areas.

- Observe all signs or postings that advise electrical safety, especially when scouting out a location for your tree stand.

- Look up and look out for power lines, and do not come within 10 feet of an overhead line or pole when setting up or taking down a stand.

- Never climb a utility pole.

- Do not place dove decoys on power lines or other utility equipment. Nonelectrical attachments can pose an obstruction and serious hazards to our lineworkers.

For more information about safety around power lines and other sources of electricity, go to SafeElectricity.org.



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Share the road with farmers

Be safe. Be courteous.

Farm season means sharing the road with large farm equipment. Farmers must drive tractors slowly, and public roads are often the only available routes.

When you encounter large farm equipment on the road, do the following to keep everyone safe:

1. **Be alert and cautious.** Give large farm equipment and other slow-moving vehicles space.
2. **Do not pass if you are in a “no passing zone”** or in any area where it is not safe to pass such as intersections, bridges and railroad crossings.
3. **Be careful when you have the chance to pass.** Oftentimes, farmers will move over to the side when it is safe for you to pass.
4. **Do not tailgate.**



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5. **Make sure a tractor is not trying to make a left turn before you pass on the left.**

Share the road with care. Farmers are just trying to get to and from their jobs, too!

For more safety tips, visit safeelectricity.org.

HARVEST SAFETY TIPS FOR FARMWORKERS

- **Maintain a 10-foot clearance** around all utility equipment in all directions.
- **Use a spotter and deployed flags** to maintain safe distances from power lines and other equipment when doing field work.
- **If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact us immediately** by phone and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab, without touching it at the same time, and hop away to safety.
- **Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle.** Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipe and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

Source: Safe Electricity