

Food safety in an emergency



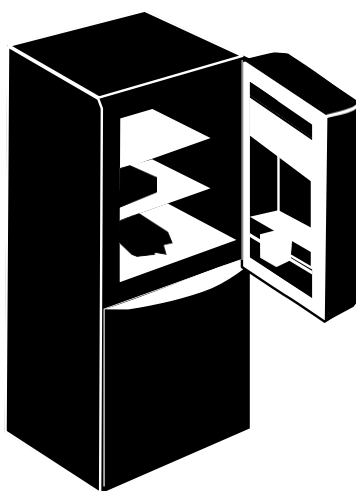
Fresh food



Throw out fresh food if:

- it has been in floodwater
- it has been affected by smoke or fire
- it has an unusual smell, colour or feel
- it has been unrefrigerated for more than four hours.
- if affected by contaminated water

Frozen food



Throw out frozen food if:

- it has been in floodwater
- if it has been affected by smoke or fire
- the power to the freezer has been off for more than 48 hours for a full freezer, and more than 24 hours for a half-full freezer.

Food that has started to defrost should be eaten as soon as possible. It should not be re-frozen.

Pantry food



Throw out pantry food if:

- it has been in floodwater
- it has been affected by smoke or fire
- it is open, swollen, damaged or missing labels.
- if affected by contaminated water

If in doubt throw it out!

For further information call **13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)** or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/disaster

Contact your nearest public health unit—13 QGOV (13 7468)