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## POWER OUTAGE PROCEDURE

*(Implement when a power outage occurs)*

- ✓ **DISCONTINUE ALL COOKING OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY.**
- ✓ **CONTACT THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
Monday to Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm at (607) 778-2847, or after hours at 778-1911.
- ✓ **MONITOR** freezer and refrigerator temperatures. Freezer temperatures must be maintained below 32°F. Refrigerator temperatures must be maintained below 45°F.
- ✓ **DISCARD** any potentially hazardous foods that have been above 45°F for four hours or more, or an unknown duration of time. If frozen foods thaw out, do not refreeze and maintain temperature below 45°F.
- ✓ **KEEP DOORS CLOSED** on refrigerators and freezers. Add bags of ice or dry ice to freezers and/or refrigerators if it appears the power will be off for an extended time.
- ✓ Facilities with water **DISINFECTION SYSTEMS** must check for an adequate chlorine residual or UV reading before continuing operation after power is restored. If disinfection systems are not functioning properly, contact the Broome County Health Department for further guidance.
- ✓ Do not resume operations until power is restored and all equipment is properly functioning, per manufacturer specifications.

*For additional information, go to the Broome County website  
(<http://www.gobroomecounty.com/eh/food>) or call (607)778-2847.*