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**To:** School Nutrition Program Sponsors  
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Hurricanes, power outages, floods, and other weather emergencies can cause food and water safety concerns related to your kitchens and gardens. Links to some helpful resources are attached.

Food safety questions related to your kitchen can be directed to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Division of Food Safety at 717 787-4315 or your local health department.

Food safety questions related to garden produce can be directed to your local cooperative extension. Please note that garden produce that may have been flooded by stream, river, run off, overflow, or unknown source may be contaminated and should not be used.

Thank you.

Attachment

## **Food Safety Resources for Hurricanes, Floods, Power Outages, and Other Weather Emergencies**

NFSMI: Reopening Your School Kitchen after a Flood  
[www.nfsmi.org/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20110209091232.pdf](http://www.nfsmi.org/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20110209091232.pdf)

USDA: A Consumer's Guide to Food Safety: Severe Storms and Hurricanes:  
[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/Severe\\_Storms\\_and\\_Hurricanes\\_Guide/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/Severe_Storms_and_Hurricanes_Guide/index.asp)

FoodSafety.gov: Food Safety in a Power Outage  
[http://www.foodsafety.gov/blog/power\\_outages.html](http://www.foodsafety.gov/blog/power_outages.html)

FoodSafety.gov: In an Emergency:  
<http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/emergency/index.html>

North Carolina State University: Recovering from a Storm: Frozen Foods  
<http://foodsafetyinfosheets.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/8-30-11-freezer.pdf>

North Carolina State University: Recovering from a Storm: Refrigerated Foods  
<http://foodsafetyinfosheets.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/8-30-11-fridge.pdf>

North Carolina State University: Recovering From a Storm: Garden Flooding  
<http://foodsafetyinfosheets.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/8-30-11-garden.pdf>