



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

Department of Social Services

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Post storm Isaias food safety and reimbursement information..

Dear Ridgefielders,

We hope you and your families are well and your power has been restored.

We know many of you lost power for multiple days and will have to throw out food from your refrigerators.

Please review this web page to help determine what in your fridge should be thrown out and what can be kept.

<https://bit.ly/3kfJUAD>

General rule: when in doubt, throw it out.

If you have rental or homeowners insurance, we recommend you contact your insurer to determine if they will cover storm related food loss.

If you receive SNAP benefits, you may be eligible to submit for reimbursement as well.

You will need to complete the forms listed below (2 forms) and submit them to DSS at the included address.

There is a deadline to apply, so please don't wait.

For the verification form, you can ask your landlord, a friend or neighbor to be your "collateral contact" witness that you had a food loss due to the storm/power outage.

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Common-Applications/W-1225.pdf>

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DSS/Common-Applications/W-1226.pdf>

If you do not have the ability to print the forms out at this time please contact social services and we will help you.

We encourage you to keep records of what you threw out and any receipts related to replacing food, ice, generators, gas to run your generator, or other costs incurred after the storm hit. You may also be able to submit some of these costs for reimbursement at a later time, if FEMA is activated locally.

Please also reach out if you are having trouble meeting your household food needs this month.

We hope this information is helpful.

Please contact our office if you have questions or concerns.

Regards,

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