## Safe Food Handling

## **Storing**

## Pests, Germs, and Bacteria

Store foods as soon as you get home.

Freeze fresh meat, poultry or fish right away if you can't use it within 3 days.

Refrigerator: 40° F or below

Freezer: 0° F or below

**Boiling** 212° Safe temperatures For cooking foods. 165° 140° Rapid growth of bacteria. Some will produce poison. Hawaii's usual temperature 40° Refrigerator 32° Temperature 32-40° F **0°F** Freezer temperature

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold!

Food poisoning symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, headache and cramps.

Food borne diseases include Staphylococcus, Salmonella, Botulism, and E. coli.

Danger zone of 40° F to 140° F promotes rapid growth of bacteria.

## **Power Outage**

Keep refrigerator door closed. Without power, the refrigerator section can keep food cool for 4-6 hours, when the refrigerator is not opened.

Without power, the freezer section may keep food frozen for about 2 days, a freezer half full about 1 day. Keep door closed.

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