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**GUIDELINES FOR RE-OPENING A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT
AFTER A POWER OUTAGE**

The following conditions must be verified by the Health Department before resuming food operations and services:

- Adequate lighting has been restored in food prep areas
- All power breakers and timers have been reset (especially at the hot water heater and refrigerator timers)
- Refrigeration and/or freezer units are working and maintaining temperature
- Hot holding units are maintaining proper temperatures
- Ventilation systems are in good working condition
- Hot and cold water are available and maintaining appropriate pressure
- Dishwashing machines are in good working condition
- Handwashing facilities are functioning properly
- Toilet facilities are operable
- All potentially hazardous foods out of temperature have been discarded
- Food prep surfaces have been rewashed and sanitized
- Foods that were thawed in freezer units should not be refrozen; foods should be used as soon as possible

Remember:

- Food Code 8-404.11, the food establishment shall immediately discontinue operations and notify the Health Department if an imminent health hazard may exist due to interruption of electrical service.
- Food Code 8-404.12, if operations are discontinued due to an imminent health hazard due to interruption of electrical service, then the establishment must obtain approval from the Health Department before resuming operations.

If conditions listed above are not corrected prior to Health Department verification, operations will remain closed. If during the course of an inspection, **CRITICAL VIOLATIONS** exist and cannot be resolved in a timely manner, then your food permit may be **SUSPENDED** until critical violations are resolved.

Contact the Westford Health Department at 978-692-5509 with any questions.