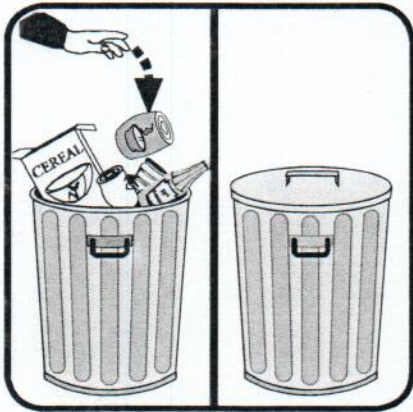




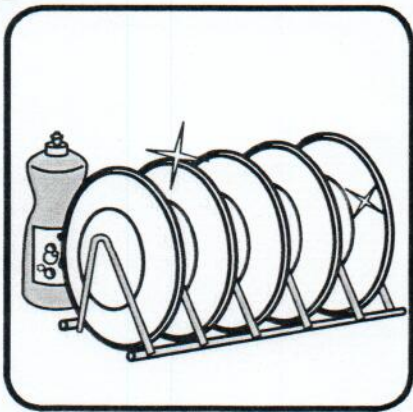
Eat Safe Food

After a flood, food may not be safe to eat. Some food you must throw out. This is true even if the food was in your refrigerator or freezer. Some food you can clean.



Throw out these foods

- cans that are open, bulging, or dented
- any food that may have touched flood water
- any food that rats, mice, or other animals may have touched
- food that you don't know where it came from
- food that was canned at home



Throw out these things

- bottles, jars, or cans with screw caps, snap lids, crimped caps (soda pop bottles), twist caps, and flip tops
- wooden cutting boards
- baby bottle nipples and pacifiers



Clean things that touch food

- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, and goggles.
- Scrub food cans with soap and water. Rinse. Dip in mix of 1 cup of household liquid bleach in 5 gallons of water. Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon).
- Scrub surfaces like counter tops and tables with soap and clean water. Rinse. Wipe with a mix of 1 teaspoon of household liquid bleach in 1 gallon of water. Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon). Don't rinse. Air dry.
- Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.



Keep Food Safe

After a flood, germs might get in your food. Use bleach to kill the germs.



Use bleach to clean things that food will touch, like counter tops and plates.

- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, and goggles.
- Scrub with a mix of 1 teaspoon of household liquid bleach in 1 gallon of water. Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon). Don't rinse. Air dry.
- Scrub the outside of food cans before opening them. Use 1 cup of household liquid bleach in 5 gallons of water. Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon). Don't rinse. Air dry.
- Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.



Throw out things you cannot make safe.

- Throw out any food that has touched flood water.
- Throw out bulging and open food cans.
- Throw out wooden cutting boards and spoons.
- Throw out food that has touched flood water.
- Throw out baby bottle nipples and pacifiers.

