If the power goes out what can I keep?

Foods that can safely be stored above 41°F for a few days include:
whole non-cut fresh fruits and vegetables, ketchup, relishes, olives, jams and jellies, mustard, barbecue sauce, soy sauce, bread, rolls, bagels, cakes (without cream or custard), cookies and muffins and certain hard cheeses.

Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature. You may safely re-freeze foods that still contain ice crystals or that have been kept at 41°F or below.

With the door closed, food in most freezers will stay below 41°F for up to 3 days, even in summer. Thawing rate depends on:
• amount of food in the freezer
• kind of food
• temperature of the food
• size and insulation of freezer

Fill up empty space in your freezer with ice to help frozen food last longer when the power goes out.

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