

# MONTEREY COUNTY



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Due to the report of a power outage in the Big Sur area Monterey County Health Department (MCHD) is advising that anytime there is a loss of temperature control for potentially hazardous foods four (4) hours or greater the food must be destroyed. Potentially hazardous foods include but are not limited to the following:

- ❑ Chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese
- ❑ Raw and heated treated meats
- ❑ Food that is natural or synthetic and that requires temperature control
- ❑ Raw seed sprouts, cut melons, and garlic-in-oil mixtures that are not acidified
- ❑ Anything that was refrigerated and you are unsure of
- ❑ Seafood

If a restaurant, store or facility voluntarily condemns and destroys their potentially hazardous foods that were out of temperature please keep a record of the food destroyed and date of destruction to report to MCHD.

Also a concern for MCHD is the possibilities of sewage spills due to malfunctioning lift stations. Steps to take for a sewage spill:

- ❑ Block off the sewage spills
- ❑ Spray with a dilute mixture of Clorox (a cap of Clorox to a gallon of water)
- ❑ Please be mindful of waterways and avoid spraying with Clorox.
- ❑ The UV of the sun will quickly kill any bacteria.

Please document where the sewage spill occurred and contact MCHD with the details, phone (831) 647-7654.

If there are employees housed in Big Sur and there is a loss of water due to the power outage then these employees must be evacuated.