

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: March 9, 2017 **END DATE:** March 12, 2017
CONTACT: Anthony Pavone
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RE: Precautions for Food Establishments During Interruption of Electrical Service.

Flint, Michigan – Genesee County, Michigan is currently experiencing a power outage due to strong winds. Residents and businesses, including food establishments, in the Genesee County area are affected. Food establishment operators should follow the instructions in the “Emergency Action Plans for Retail Food Establishments” guide. This document is also available on the Michigan Department of Agriculture Web site at www.michigan.gov/michiganprepares. Instructions are available in English, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese.

Food establishments without power are encouraged to remain open to provide the public with non-perishable items. Establishments should discontinue operations once inventories of clean equipment, utensils, and tableware are exhausted. Establishments should also discontinue operations when cleanliness of the physical facility jeopardizes food safety.

Food establishments without power and water are ordered to cease operation unless they have emergency measures in place to provide power and a safe water source.

Genesee County Health Department food safety inspectors are monitoring efforts of impacted food establishment operators to ensure the safety of food sold. Consumers Power is working to restore power as quickly as possible. It’s estimated the problem will be resolved within three or four days.

Please share this notice with other people who may be affected by distributing this notice or posting it in a public place. For more information, please contact Genesee County Health Department, Anthony Pavone, Environmental Health Supervisor at apavone@gchd.us or at 810.257.3825.

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