Food Safety and Quality

Quick Alert Strategy

1. Food Item Donated: Is food perishable?
   - YES
   - NO

2. Has food been refrigerated at 40° F or lower?
   - YES
   - NO
   - Unknown

3. How long has food been stored above 40° F?
   - Less than 2 Hours
   - More than 2 Hours

   - Refer to Food Keeper Cold Storage App Recommendations**
   - DISCARD*

4. Has food been frozen at 0° F or lower?
   - YES
   - NO
   - Unknown

5. How long has food been frozen?
   - Less than 2 Hours
   - More than 2 Hours

6. Do cans/packages meet safe requirements?
   - YES
   - NO

7. Stock Food
   - DISCARD*

*Discarded items should be disposed of safely.

Food donated to food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens may not have been treated or stored properly. Individuals who frequent soup kitchens and food pantries may be at a higher risk for foodborne illness. Recommended food safety guidelines are extremely important!

When in doubt, throw it out!

**Food Keeper Cold Storage App:**
foodSafety.gov/keep/foodkeeperapp/index.html