



## **MAINTAINING YOUR FREEZER WITHOUT POWER**

60 SECONDS

FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY, MAKE SURE YOUR FROZEN OR REFRIGERATED FOOD SUPPLY REMAINS COLD.

WHEN YOUR POWER IS OFF, KEEP YOUR REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER DOORS CLOSED. IF THERE IS A FREEZER LOCKER FACILITY IN YOUR AREA, WRAP FROZEN FOODS IN NEWSPAPERS OR BLANKETS AND TAKE THEM THERE. OR, LEAVE THE FOOD IN YOUR FREEZER AND COVER THE FREEZER WITH BLANKETS OR QUILTS. BE SURE NOT TO COVER THE FREEZER VENT OPENINGS.

WHEN THE DOOR OF A FULLY PACKED FREEZER STAYS CLOSED, FOOD SHOULD REMAIN FROZEN FOR 2 DAYS. IF FREEZER IS HALF FULL, IT WILL LAST 1 DAY.

A LARGE FREEZER STAYS COLD LONGER THAN A SMALL FREEZER. A FREEZER PACKED WITH MEAT STAYS COLD LONGER THAN A FREEZER FULL OF BREAD.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION CENTER OR CALL THE U.S.D.A. HOTLINE AT: 1-800-535-4555.