

Can You Store Food in the Snow?

While storing food outside in the snow may work in a pinch, long term storage is not advised.

Placing food in the snow will not necessarily protect it. Frozen food can thaw when exposed to the sun's rays even when the temperature is very cold. Food may become too warm and foodborne bacteria could grow. The outside temperature can vary hour by hour and the temperature outside will not protect refrigerated and frozen food.

Additionally, perishable items could be exposed to unsanitary conditions or to animals. Animals may harbor bacteria or disease; never consume food that has come in contact with an animal.

There are rules in football and in food safety! Don't be penalized with foodborne illness this Super Bowl Sunday.



Simply Produce Ellsworth County increases access to fruits and vegetables while encouraging shopping local.

What is Clostridium perfringens?

Clostridium perfringens bacteria are one of the most common causes of foodborne illness. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates these bacteria cause nearly 1 million illnesses in the United States every year.

With soup season upon us, these large batches of thick hot food can be trouble. If the soup is not held above 140°F or not chilled to below 40°F in small batches, then the potential for C. perfringens growth increases. If this bacteria makes spores, which act like a protective coating to help bacteria survive, and food held between 40-140°F will allow the bacteria to grow. It can produce a toxin which can cause foodborne ill-ness symptoms such as diarrhea. Illness can occur within 6 to 24 hours after eating contaminated food.

Prevention steps include cooking soups, whole roasts and whole poultry to safe temperatures. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Refrigerate leftovers, divided into shallow containers, within two hours after cooking. Reheat leftovers to 165°F before serving.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Prevent Illness from C. perfringens.



Place Orders: 3/11/22 (8am) - 3/16 (Noon)

Pick up Basket: 3/18/22 (Noon - 12:45pm)

Place Orders: 4/15/22 (8am) - 4/20 (Noon)

Pick up Basket: 4/22/22 (Noon - 12:45pm)

Place Orders: 5/13/22 (8am) - 5/15 (Noon)

Pick up Basket: 5/20/22 (Noon - 12:45pm)

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Upcoming Events:

| Date | Event | Organization | |
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| January 30 | 4-H Favorite Food Show at Russell County 4-H Building | Midway Extension District | |
| February 11-16 | Order your Simply Produce Basket | Gene's Heartland Foods in Ellsworth | |
| February 18 | Pick up your Simply Produce Basket NOON - 12:45p | American Legion Post 174 | |
| February 21 | Monthly Breakfast (Free Will Donation) 6a-10a | American Legion Post 174 | |
| February 23 | Annual Meeting 5:30p | Ellsworth County Economic Development (Call to register) | |
| February 26 | 4-H Club Day at Wilson Elementary School | Midway Extension District | |
| March 11-16 | Order your Simply Produce Basket | Gene's Heartland Foods in Ellsworth | |
| March 12 | Nutfry 5p | Legion Riders | |
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Kale and White Bean Soup



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| Trans Fat | 0g | | |
| Cholesterol | 2% | | |
| Sodium 550 | 23% | | |
| Total Carbo | hydrate 1 | 18g | 6% |
| Dietary Fi | 8% | | |
| Sugars 3g | 3 | | |
| Protein 5g | | | |
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Servings: 5 Cups

Ingredients:

- 1 cup onion, chopped (1 medium onion)
- 4 cloves garlic, minced or 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 2 cups broth (chicken or vegetable)
- 1 1/2 cups cooked white beans (1 can 15.5 ounces, drained and rinsed)
- 1 3/4 cups diced tomatoes (1 can 14.5 ounces with juice)
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 3 cups kale, chopped (fresh or frozen)

Directions:

- 1. Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.
- 2. In a saucepan over medium-high heat, sauté onion and garlic in butter or margarine until soft.
- 3. Add broth, white beans, and tomatoes; stir to combine.
- 4. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, cover, and simmer for about 5 minutes.
- 5. Add the kale and Italian seasoning. Simmer until kale has softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Serve warm.

Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Source: eatgathergo.org

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