

Food Safe Meal Prep

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Following these tips when cooking and chilling leftovers can help prevent foodborne illness

DO



DON'T

Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before preparing food

Wash meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs

DO



DON'T

Rinse whole fruits and vegetables under running water and dry with a clean cloth, paper towel, or salad spinner

Use soap or detergent on foods

DO



DON'T

Wash utensils that have touched uncooked meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or flour before using them with any food that will be eaten raw

Allow raw meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or flour to touch any food that will be eaten raw

DO



DON'T

Clean cooking surfaces and utensils with hot, soapy water after every use

Reuse plates or cutting boards that have touched uncooked meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or flour unless you wash them first with hot, soapy water

DO



DON'T

Cook meat, poultry, and seafood to a safe minimum internal temperature

Serve cooked meat, poultry, or seafood without checking the temperature with a food thermometer



Beef, pork, veal, & lamb (chops, roasts, steaks):
145 °F
with a 3-minute rest time

Poultry:
165 °F

Ground meats:
160 °F

Fish & seafood:
145 °F

DO



DON'T

Keep meat, poultry, and seafood warm (140 °F or above) between cooking and serving

Allow food to cool before refrigerating

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DON'T

Use the USDA FoodKeeper App to check how long foods can be safely stored

Let food sit out for more than 2 hours, or 1 hour in air temperatures above 90 °F