

Agency Emergency Plan

Questions to Ask: Food Supply

1. How many days of food would you be able to provide to clients if your supply was cut off?
2. If your power goes out, how long will your cooler(s) and freezer(s) safely keep food?
3. Where could you store extra food off-site so that you could access if in an emergency? Consider creating agreements with churches, community centers, storage facilities
4. What are key vulnerabilities in your food supply chain? Consider: usual shipment routes may be blocked, your food bank or distributor may be out of commission, or communications may be impossible.
5. What steps can you take to plan around these possibilities?
 - What are alternate routes food shipments could take?
 - What is your food suppliers' contact information?
 - Other steps to take?
6. How will the Red Cross, Salvation Army, local government, etc. manage their food supplies?
How can you collaborate with them effectively?
7. How will you manage donations received in the wake of a disaster? Have you communicated with potential donors to ensure that they give appropriate donations and help you in a productive way?
8. How can you work with other food pantries in your area to share food and resources as needed?