Welcome from Secretary Melanie S. Griffin

As a dedicated public servant, it's my duty to ensure that our processes are efficient and our regulations are fair. To achieve this, we have a team of highly skilled professionals who work tirelessly every day to improve consumer protection and provide value to our citizens.

In this edition, we're covering all the fall essentials. From tips on game day safety to ways to protect your food and water during weather emergencies, we've got you covered.

Game Day Food Safety Tips

Tackling a game day spread? Play by these

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Protect Food & Water

- Freeze foods properly: When in doubt, throw it out! Keep frozen food below 0°F; if unopened and a full freezer, approximately 48 hours if unopened and a full freezer
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- Keep cold foods at 40°F or colder. Use cold packs, coolers, and ice to keep perishable items chilled.
- Keep hot foods at 140°F or warmer. Use chafing dishes, slow cookers and warming trays to keep food hot.
- Ensure all meats, poultry, seafood and eggs are cooked to at least 165°F before eating.
- Make sure to wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food.

Weather Emergencies

- Protect your food and water during weather emergencies by having these supplies on hand:
- Bottled water or boil water following guidelines when your tap water is unsafe.
- Thermometers in freezers, refrigerators, and coolers.
- Manual can opener.
- Bleach for disinfecting.
- Coolers, frozen gel packs, and ice.
- Shovels, snow scoops, and sand.
- Flashlights, batteries, and portable radios.
- First aid kit.
- Extra medicine and any medications.
- Extra blankets and other types of clothing.
- Pets and their supplies.

During Emergencies

- During a hurricane, evacuate to a designated shelter as soon as possible.
- If you are unable to evacuate, enter your property information in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Registration database.
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