Make sure the temperature in the refrigerator is 40 °F or below and 0 °F or below in the freezer. Check these temperatures with a refrigerator/freezer thermometer.

Don't overfill the

refrigerator. Cool

air must circulate

to keep food at its

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Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food, and leftovers within 2 hours of purchase or preparation, or within 1 hour if the temperature is above 90 °F.

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Thaw food in the refrigerator. For quick thawing, submerge food in cold water in airtight packaging or thaw food in the microwave and cook it immediately.





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