## Once You Serve It, Save it!

Proper food safety helps food last longer and taste better! Storing fruits and vegetables properly will prevent the growth of harmful bacteria.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- One in four people living in the United States will get an illness from food this year.
- Children are more likely than adults to get sick from eating spoiled food.

#### Know the Difference

Some foods need to be refrigerated, while others can be left at room temperature.

### KEEP PERISHABLE FOODS LIKE THIS REFRIGERATED:

Meat, poultry, fish, eggs, pasta salads, and leftovers

Peeled or cut fruits and vegetables, including leafy greens like lettuce

Milk, yogurt, cheese, opened fruit juice, and opened canned foods

### THESE CAN BE KEPT AT ROOM TEMPERATURE:

Dried beans

Whole or uncut fruits and vegetables
Bread products, cereal, and crackers
Unopened canned goods
Unopened fruit juice (if pasteurized)
Dried fruit
Nuts and peanut butter



- Food can become unsafe to eat in just 2 hours if stored improperly.
- Make sure all surfaces and supplies are clean before cooking.
- Wash all fresh fruits and vegetables before eating.
- Proper hand-washing is very important to keep food and family safe when cooking.

# TIPS FOR PROPER HAND-WASHING:

- 1. Use warm water and soap.
- 2. Completely wash all sides of hands and fingers, including wrists and fingernails.
- 3. Wash for at least 30 seconds—sing the ABC or Happy Birthday song!