

# Proper Cooling Temperatures

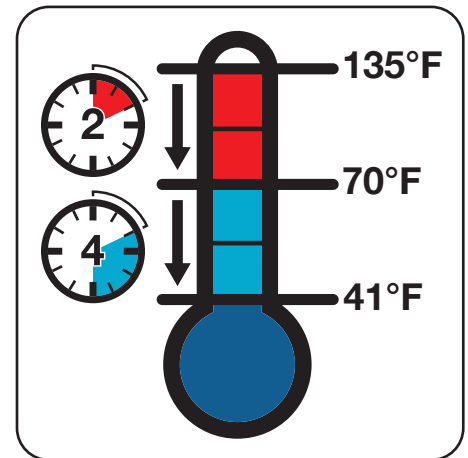
will prevent microbial growth by helping limit the time that food is exposed to the temperature danger zone.



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After cooking or heating, Time/Temperature control for Safety (TCS) foods **must** be cooled quickly:

- From **135°F to 70°F** within **2 hours**, and
- From **70°F to 41°F** within **4 hours**.



Sample Cooling Log

Date	Food Item	From 135°F to 70°F within 2 hours				From 70°F to 41°F within 4 hours			
		Start Time	Temp. (°F)	End Time	Temp. (°F)	Start Time	Temp. (°F)	End Time	Temp. (°F)
06/09/2019	chicken	10 a.m.	136°F	11:20 a.m.	69°F	11:20 a.m.	69°F	2:40 p.m.	40.7°F
06/09/2019	fried rice	9 a.m.	135°F	10:15 a.m.	71°F	10:20 a.m.	70°F	noon	39.2°F
06/09/2019	beans	10 a.m.	135°F	11:45 a.m.	69°F	11:45 a.m.	69°F	3:30 p.m.	40.7°F

Comments: Food items were rapidly cooled using an ice bath. Once target temperature (41°F) was reached, food was placed inside the refrigeration unit.

## Approved Cooling Methods



Using rapid cooling equipment



Stirring food consistently in an ice bath



Adding ice



Cutting into smaller portions



Using a shallow metal container(s)

# RAPID COOLING TEMPERATURE LOG TEMPLATE

Associate:					Manager:				
<b>Cooling</b>									
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