# Slow-Cooker Interruption and Dinner Decision Record

*Do not fill a missing cooking hour with a guess.*

The applicable food decision depends on real observed facts.

Hypothetical example: an adult returns to an interrupted slow cooker while no one was home, follows USDA's discard instruction and assigns an available alternative dinner.

## 01 Record the observations

Record cooking and outage facts actually observed.

Cooking start and setting known

Who was present and when

Outage or off-state facts actually observed

## 02 Read the applicable case

Identify and follow the applicable USDA case.

Known cooking-completion status

Official instruction and source

Unknown fact that cannot be assumed

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## 03 Make the two decisions

Separate the food disposition from the appliance question.

Food disposition actually completed

Cooker model and unresolved question

Responsible appliance-support adult

## 04 Serve the current plan

Confirm an actual dinner alternative and adult handoff.

Suitable dinner alternative present

Preparation adult and realistic time

Household told the actual outcome