

Food Storage Solution

A routine health inspection at Theo's restaurant took a turn for the worse when the inspector found that the refrigerator was only maintaining a temperature four degrees higher than the mandated 41° Fahrenheit. Thankfully, Theo was able to avoid a citation and shutdown by discarding the food and having the equipment serviced the same day.

It cost the restaurant over \$5,000 in food and maintenance, but could have been even worse if it had resulted in a documented health inspection violation and the bad press that would accompany it. A shutdown could have closed the business for good.



The Challenge

- Commercial kitchens must meet regulations, but monitoring can be difficult during day-to-day operations.
- Storage spaces and freezers undergo heavy traffic, resulting in fluctuating temperatures.
- Managers and staff are trained and experienced in the food service industry – not in IT.



The Solution

Theo found Room Alert and browsed the monitors and sensors for solutions specific to his needs. He decided to start with two Room Alert 3 Wi-Fi's, each with a Digital Fluid Temperature Sensor and Air Flow Sensor.



- Wi-Fi taps into the free Wi-Fi already provided to customers – no extra service calls to the cable company and no modification to his existing wiring.
- The Digital Fluid Temperature Sensor can be placed inside the coolers and freezers housing his valuable food product.
- The Air Flow Sensor monitors for another concern – the operation of exhaust fans over the stoves.
- The sensor graphs on RoomAlert.com means Theo can easily see when temperatures are trending too high and then make adjustments as necessary.
- Since the Room Alert 3 Wi-Fi doesn't need a wired connection, Theo can move the monitors around as necessary. He can also easily add more Room Alerts as he determines more areas he would like to monitor in his restaurant.

Conclusion

With the Room Alert 3 Wi-Fi and access to the Room Alert Account online dashboard, this restaurant manager can rest easy that the information he needs is at his fingertips anytime, anywhere. Room Alert 3 Wi-Fi is small, light, and easily located (or re-located) where he needs it most. He can keep an eye on air temperature for his staff or patrons, the exhaust from his stoves and the temperature in his coolers and freezers. There's no complicated set-up to get a clear, easy-to-read graph of this data – all he needs to do is pick his sensors and time range, and the dashboard at RoomAlert.com does the rest. He can even download that same information into a spreadsheet to show the health inspector that he meets regulatory requirements.