

MANNA FoodBank General Food Extension Guideline



Code dates on products do not mean that food is unfit for consumption!

Please refer to these handy guidelines for code date extensions.

Bakery Items			
Product	Shelf Storage Past Code Date	Refrigerator Storage (40°F or below) Past Code Date	Freezer Storage (0°F or below) Past Code Date
Bagels	1 day	7 days	6 months
Bread Sliced	4 days	14 days	6 months
French, loaf, etc	1 day	14 days	6 months
Cakes	2 days	7 days	2 months
Chocolate (unfrosted)	2 days	7 days	4 months
Pound cake	4 days	7 days	6 months
Cookies	3 weeks	2 months	10 months
Croissants	1 day	7 days	2 months
Danish	2 days	7 days	2 months
Muffins	2 days	7 days	2 months
Refrigerated Foods Extensions			
Product		Storage Life Past Code/Consume by Date	
Juices			
High Acid juices, pasteurized (tomato, orange, grapefruit, etc.)		7 days	
Odwalla, Naked Juice (100% juice and smoothies)		7 days	
Punches, juice blends		14 days	
Dairy Products			
Butter, Margarine		1-3 months	
Cheeses Hard cheese (cheddar, swiss, etc.)		6 months	
Shredded Cheese (parmesan, mozzarella, etc.)		1 month	
Cottage Cheese		21 days	
Cream Cheese		60 days	
Dips (sour cream based)		14 days	
Eggs (whole)		5 weeks	
EggBeaters (egg substitute)		60 days	
Milk (dairy)		7 days	
Milk (non-dairy soy, rice, almond, coconut)		10 days	
Sour Cream		21 days	
Whipping Cream/Aerosol Whipped Cream		30 days	
Yogurt		10 days	
Deli Products			
Fruit, cut		1 day	
Hot Dogs, Lunch Meats (bologna, Ham, etc.)		1 day or up to 6 months if frozen	
Lunchables		1 day	
Pesto		1 day	
Salad (pre-made/kit)		1 day	
Salsa		1 day	
Sandwich (pre-made)		1 day	
Dough Products			
Cookie Dough		consume/freeze by code date	
Pasta (fresh)		2 days	
Pie Crust (ready-to-bake)		consume/freeze by code date	
Tube Cans (biscuits, rolls, pizza dough, etc.)		consume by code date	
Soy Products			
Dips (soy/tofu based)		7 days	
Soy Milk		7 days	
Tofu (all varieties)		21 days	

Shelf-Stable Foods Extensions

Product	Storage Life Past Code Date
Staples	
Beans, Dried (pinto, red, black, etc)	12 months
Canned Goods Low Acid (meats, beans, corn, soup, etc.)	3 years
High Acid (pineapple, tomatoes, pickles, etc.)	18 months
Cereal (hot and cold varieties)	12 months
Coffee, (and Decaf) Ground in Cans	2 years
Instant	5 years
Egg Noodles, Dry	2 years
Flour White	12 months
Whole Wheat	1 month
Pasta, Dry (spaghetti, macaroni, penne, etc.)	2 years
Rice Brown Rice	12 months
Rice White or Wild	2 years
Sugar Brown (light or dark)	18 months
Sugar White, Granulated	2 years
Aseptically-packaged Products	
UHT (Ultra High Temperature) Milk	1 year
Broth, Soup, Fruits, vegetables	3 years
Beverages	
Bottled Water (all varieties)	No expiration
Capri Sun	6 months
Cocoa, Cocoa Mixes	indefinitely
Juice Boxes/shelf stable bottled juice	6 months
Powdered Drink Mix	12 months
Powdered (Dry) Milk	2 Years
Sodas Diet (cans or bottles)	No expiration
Soda Regular (cans or bottles)	No expiration
Shelf Stable: Dairy and Non-Dairy Milk	6 months
Tetrapak: Juices and broths	1 year
Condiments & Snacks	
Beef Jerky	12 months
Chocolate Syrup	2 years
Condiments (bbq sauce, jam/jelly, ketchup, mayo, mustard, salsa, salad dressing, syrup, olive/vegetable oil)	12 months
Cookies, Packaged	2 months
Crackers (Saltines, Ritz, Triscuits, etc.)	8 months
Evaporated Milk	12 months
Extracts	4-5 years
Granola Bars (Nutrigrain, Nature Valley, etc.)	12 months
Microwave Popcorn	18 months
Peanut Butter	12 months
Popcorn (dry kernels)	2 years
Slim Jims	18 months
Spices Fresh Spices	5-7 days
Ground or Dried Spices	2-3 years
Whole Spices	3-4 years
Vegetable Oil Spray	2 years
Vinegar	2 years

This information is to be used as a guide only. It was developed based on general knowledge, industry practices, and the understanding that best before dates are about sensory quality. All information taken from the Food Marketing Institute www.fightbac.org, EatByDate LLC, Food Banks Canada, and Feeding America "Donor Requirements & Restrictions"