

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"