

BAKERY

FOOD SORTING GUIDELINES



Conditions Required for Distribution

- Storage: dry
- Temperature-sensitive items: cooler or freezer
- Package intact
- Ingredient label



Do Not Distribute

- Inedible, stale or moldy items
- Self-service items

DAIRY & FROZEN

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ONLY DISTRIBUTE IF DATE ON ITEM IS ON OR AFTER:

DAIRY

FROZEN

Dairy: may exceed sell-by date by up to 7 days. See FoodKeeper for details on specific dairy products.

Frozen: may exceed sell-by date by up to 30 days.



Conditions
Required for
Distribution

- Storage: cooler or freezer
- Package intact
- Ingredient label



Do Not
Distribute

- Eggs beyond sell-by date
- Leaking or melted product

DELI

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ONLY DISTRIBUTE IF DATE ON ITEM IS ON OR AFTER:

SALADS &
SANDWICHES

May exceed sell-by
date by up to **2** days

CHEESE

May exceed sell-by
date by up to **7** days

DRY GOODS &
FROZEN CHICKEN,
DELI MEATS &
PRE-PACKAGED MEALS

May exceed sell-by
date by up to **30** days



Conditions
Required for
Distribution

- Storage: cooler/freezer/dry
- Internal package intact
- Sliced meat and cheese must be packaged and labeled
- Ingredient label



Do Not
Distribute

- Products without labels
- Items in USDA boxes, unless boxes contain the original products

DRY GROCERY

FOOD SORTING GUIDELINES

ONLY DISTRIBUTE IF DATE ON ITEM IS ON OR AFTER:

May exceed sell-by date by **30** days



Conditions Required for Distribution

- Storage: dry
- Household items must be stored separately from food
- Package intact, including pet food
- Ingredient label



Do Not Distribute

- If seal is dented or broken
- Baby food and formula past expiration date

MEAT

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ONLY DISTRIBUTE IF FROZEN

Meat should be frozen upon receipt in accordance with the
Safe Food Transport Guidelines



Conditions Required for Distribution

- Storage: freezer
- Frozen within 24 hours of date on package
- Package intact



Do Not Distribute

- Thawed product
- Product with severe freezer burn
- Fresh seafood or shellfish
- Items in USDA boxes, unless boxes contain the original products

PRODUCE

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ONLY DISTRIBUTE IF DATE ON ITEM IS ON OR AFTER:

JUICE & SALAD DRESSING

May exceed sell-by date
by up to **7** days

CUT FRUIT & VEGETABLES

May exceed sell-by date
by up to **2** days

BAGGED PRODUCE may exceed sell-by date if it meets all conditions below.



Conditions Required
for Distribution

- Storage: cooler
- Packaged products must have intact packaging and include Ingredient labels



Do Not
Distribute

- Overripe, moldy or rotting product
- Puffy, bulging package
- Greens that are wilted, discolored or slimy