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Product Life Past Code Date Discard If:

Produce (Fruits/Vegetables) Moldy, soft, discolored
 Rice, Pasta, Beans 3 years Insect infected, moldy
 Cans/Bottles/Aseptic Pkgs 1 - 3 years Bulges, leaks, broken seal
 Frozen Products 1 year Freezer Burn, odoriferous
 Non-Refrigerated Juices 1 year Seal is broken
 Crackers, Cereal 6 months - 2 years Insect infected, stale
 Baby Food in Jars USE BY DATE* Seal is broken
 Refrigerated Juices/Tea 1 - 4 weeks past code Seal is broken
 Yogurt 1 - 3 weeks Moldy, odoriferous
 Bread/Bakery Products 3 - 10 days Mold is visible
 Milk and Eggs 1 week Unless eggs are cracked
 Infant Formula USE BY DATE After Use By Date
 Prepared Salads, Pasta USE BY DATE Unless otherwise specified on the package by the manufacturer

* Baby food can be used up to 6 months past code date as per United States Department of Agriculture, but Westside Food Bank's policy is to use by code date.

The above information is furnished through the United States Department of Agriculture. Please use as a guideline when distributing or preparing food.