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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.