

Date Marking

FOOD MUST BE DATE MARKED IF IT IS:

- Prepared on-site and refrigerated (also applies to applicable commercially processed foods after the original container is opened), and
- Time/temperature controlled for safety (TCS), and
- Ready-to-eat, and
- Held more than 24 hours



MARK WITH THE DATE TO CONSUME BY, SELL BY OR DISCARD BY

Allowing seven (7) days when held at 41° F or less

(Day of preparation or day commercially processed food is opened counts as “day one”)

IF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS, READY-TO-EAT FOOD IS FROZEN

Mark that it is to be consumed, sold or discarded within 24 hours of removal from freezer

or

Mark length of time refrigerated before being frozen when food is placed in the freezer. When food is removed from the freezer, mark with a “consume by”, “sell by” or “discard by” date that is seven days minus the length of time food was refrigerated before being frozen.

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