

## Storage Times for the Refrigerator and Freezer

These short but safe time limits for home-refrigerated foods will keep them from spoiling or becoming dangerous to eat. The guidelines for freezer storage are for quality only. Frozen foods remain safe indefinitely.

CATEGORY	FOOD	REFRIGERATOR (40° F OR BELOW)	FREEZER (0° F OR BELOW)
Salads	Egg, chicken, ham, tuna and macaroni salads	3-5 days	Does not freeze well
Hot dogs	Opened package	1 week	1-2 months
	Unopened package	2 weeks	1-2 months
Luncheon meat	Open package or deli sliced	3-5 days	1-2 months
	Unopened package	2 weeks	1-2 months
Bacon and sausage	Bacon	7 days	1 month
	Sausage, raw — from chicken, turkey, pork, beef	1-2 days	1-2 months
Hamburger and other ground meats	Hamburger, ground beef, turkey, veal, pork, lamb and mixtures of these	1-2 days	3-4 months
Fresh beef, veal, lamb and pork	Steaks	3-5 days	6-12 months
	Chops	3-5 days	4-6 months
	Roasts	3-5 days	4-12 months
Fresh poultry	Chicken or turkey, whole	1-2 days	1 year
	Chicken or turkey, pieces	1-2 days	9 months
Soups and stews	Vegetable or meat added	3-4 days	2-3 months
Leftovers	Cooked meat or poultry	3-4 days	2-6 months
	Chicken nuggets or patties	3-4 days	1-3 months
	Pizza	3-4 days	1-2 months

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