

# CANS

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## EXPIRATION DATE

Check the Best By Date, usually located on the bottom of the can.

Accept cans backdated **up to 5 years** from today's date.

## DENTS

Dents where metal is touching metal should be tossed.

Small dents are ok, ask before tossing if you are unsure.



**BAD**

**VS**

**OK**



## RUSTY | SWOLLEN

Discard any rusty cans, especially if the rust is on the top of the can.

Discard any cans that are swollen or bulging.

## MISSING LABEL

If you find a can that is missing its label, **FIRST** check inside the box you are sorting to see if you can locate it. If you locate the label, tape it back onto the can.

If you cannot locate the label, it is important to discard the can.



# DRY

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## EXPIRATION DATE

Check the Best By Date, usually located on the top or sides of boxes.

Accept items backdated **up to 1 year** from today's date.



## TORN BOXES

If items in a torn box or bag are loose, throw away.

If items inside the box are contained in closed package, the box can be retaped.



**BAD**

**VS**

**OK**

## OPENED | TAPED

If you notice a package is open or leaking, throw it away.

Any items that arrive with tape on them must be discarded. The most common items to find tape on are bags of sugar, flour, beans, and rice. Sometimes the tape is clear and hard to spot so check these items carefully.





# OTHER

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## CONDIMENTS

Check the Best By Date, accept items backdated **up to 1 year** from today's date.

Throw away items that have been opened or if the safety button has been popped.

Check to make sure seals are intact.

## DRINKS

Check the Best By Date, accept drinks backdated **up to 6 months** from today's date.

Discard any leaking drinks.

Box large and small drinks separately.



## BABY FOOD | NON-FOOD

All baby food/formula **MUST be in date**.

Place all baby items, bulk items, and non-food items at the end of the table.

Place any items that need wiping down into the blue bins at the end of the aisle.

## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

We **CANNOT** accept any homemade items or alcoholic beverages. If you find these items when you are sorting, please discard them.

