

COLD FOOD STORAGE GUIDE

CATEGORY	FOOD	REFRIGERATOR (40°F or below)	FREEZER (0°F or below)
SALADS	egg, chicken, ham, tuna and macaroni salads	3 to 5 days	Does not freeze well.
HOT DOGS	opened package	l week	1 to 2 months
	unopened package	2 weeks	1 to 2 months
SANDWICH MEATS	opened package or deli sliced	3 to 5 days	1 to 2 months
	unopened package	2 weeks	1 to 2 months
BACON & SAUSAGE	bacon	7 days	1 month
	sausage raw—from chicken, turkey, pork, or beef	1 to 2 days	1 to 2 months
HAMBURGER & OTHER GROUND MEATS	hamburger, ground beef, turkey, veal, pork, lamb, and mixtures of them	1 to 2 days	3 to 4 months
FRESH BEEF, VEAL, LAMB, & PORK	steaks	3 to 5 days	6 to 12 months
	chops	3 to 5 days	4 to 6 months
	roasts	3 to 5 days	4 to 12 months
FRESH POULTRY	chicken or turkey, whole	1 to 2 days	l year
	chicken or turkey, pieces	1 to 2 days	9 months
SOUPS & STEWS	vegetable or meat added	3 to 4 days	2 to 3 months
LEFTOVERS	cooked meat or poultry	3 to 4 days	2 to 6 months
	chicken nuggets or patties	3 to 4 days	1 to 3 months
	pizza	3 to 4 days	1 to 2 months

^{*}Chart from http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/charts/storagetimes.html