



Crisis Control MINISTRY

Recommended Use Past Best-By Dates for Shelf Stable Products

Item Description	Guidelines Recommended
Baby Food - All	Use By Date
Dry Beans	12 mos
Canned Products:	
Acid Based (Tomatos, Tomato Soup, Fruits)	18 mos
Non-Acid Based (Meats, Other Soups, Vegetables)	5 years
Cereals (Ready to Eat, Oatmeal, Grits)	12 mos
Condiments:	
Mayonnaise, Blue Cheese & Ranch Dressing, Miracle Whip	3mos
Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Sauces	12 mos
Cookies, Packaged	2 mos
Crackers	8 mos
Flour and Baking Mixes (Brownie Mix, Cornmeal, Breading)	12 mos
Milk:	
Canned (Sweetened Condensed Milk, Evaporated, Shelf Stable)	Use By Date
Nonfat Dry (Powdered)	6mos
Jams/Jelly	12mos
Jello/Gelatin	8 mos
Pasta (Dry)	2 years
Macaroni & Cheese Dinners, Hamburger Helper	12 mos
Peanut Butter	9 mos
Rice:	
White, Brown	2 years
Mixes (Rice-a-Roni, Ben's, Near East) Boxes	6 mos
Sugar: Granulated	2 years
Brown	4 mos
Tea & Coffee	18 mos
Drinks	
Diet Soda & Juices	4 mos
Regular Sodas	9 mos
Slim Fast/Protein Drinks	Use By Date