

FOODSERVICE SANITATION

Receiving & Storing Groceries



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The first step in serving safe, quality food is to make sure the food is **safe** and in **good condition** when you receive it

What To Look For:



■ Meats:

- ✓ If frozen, should be frozen solid. Check temp.
- ✓ Look for evidence of thawing and re-freezing
- ✓ Should be completely covered in overwrap

■ Milk & Milk Products

- ✓ Should be received at 40F or below. Check temp.
- ✓ Check expiration date. Mark with date of delivery

■ Eggs

- ✓ Should be received cold. Store at 40F or less
- ✓ They must be clean and have no cracks
- ✓ Check "use by" date. Mark with date of delivery

Things To Look For:



■ Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

- ✓ Check for evidence of insects, rodents, bruising, deterioration or other damage
- ✓ Do not handle more than necessary

■ Canned Goods

- ✓ Look for dents, bulging, broken seals, rust, leaks
- ✓ Mark date of delivery.

■ Dry bagged, boxed goods

- ✓ Look for tears, openings in packages
- ✓ Look for signs of water damage
- ✓ Mark date of delivery.

Getting Ready to Receive Groceries

- Clean storage areas
- Be sure that coolers/freezers are at the correct temperature:
 - ◆ 38 degrees (F) for cooling
 - ◆ 0 degrees (F) for freezing
- Rotate your stock to make room for new stock (and to ensure that the oldest is used **1st**)

Putting Away Groceries

- Rotate your stock. Use “First-in, First-Out” storage
- Place oldest stock in front of shelves for use **1st**
- Dry stores (rice, flour) should be kept in their original package
- Store all items at least 6” from floor
- Store refrigerated raw foods on bottom shelves
- **Never** re-freeze thawed food

How are Chemicals Stored?

- **Always** store chemicals away from food items.
- If a separate location can be found, this is preferred
- Store chemicals in original container. If mixing a solution (e.g., sanitizing solution), **always** label the container
- Require MSDS sheets on chemicals used on your operation

End of Module.

Thanks for participating!

