

CENTER-OF-THE-PLATE COOLER STORAGE

FOOD STORAGE TIPS TO MAINTAIN CENTER-OF-THE-PLATE QUALITY AND SAFETY



SAFETY STRATEGY

- TO PREVENT CROSS-CONTAMINATION, PRODUCT STORAGE ORDER MUST BE BASED
 ON THE MINIMUM INTERNAL COOKING TEMPERATURE OF EACH FOOD
- RAW AND READY-TO-EAT ITEMS, REGARDLESS OF PROTEIN SOURCE, MUST BE KEPT SEPARATE AT ALL TIMES
- FROZEN FOOD THAT IS BEING THAWED IN COOLERS MUST ALSO BE STORED BELOW READY-TO-EAT FOOD
- ALL GROUND MEATS SHOULD BE STORED ON THE COLDEST SIDE OF THE COOLER. AVOID LOCATION NEAR THE DOOR
- STORE FOOD AWAY FROM WALLS AND AT LEAST SIX INCHES (15 CENTIMETERS) OFF THE FLOOR

BEST PRACTICES:

- STORE ITEMS IMMEDIATELY UPON DELIVERY AND INSPECTION
- ROTATION: USE A FIRST-IN, FIRST-OUT ROTATION
- DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: CONSIDER KOSHER AND HALAL DIETS WHEN ARRANGING YOUR STORAGE
- SEPARATE SHELVES FOR DIFFERENT ALLERGENS AND DIETARY CONCERNS
- WHERE SPACE ALLOWS, KEEP THE FOOD IN ORIGINAL BOXES/CONTAINERS TO MAINTAIN LOT CODE AND "BEST/USE BY DATE" INFORMATION
- KEEP STORAGE AREAS DRY AND CLEAN
- NEVER STORE CHEMICALS NEAR FOOD

TEMPERATURE REGULATION:

- MAINTAINING PROPER TEMPERATURE IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR MAXIMIZING QUALITY OF CENTER-OF-THE-PLATE ITEMS
- ACCORDING TO THE USDA, THE TEMPERATURE DANGER ZONE IS WHERE BACTERIA
 GROW MOST RAPIDLY BETWEEN 40*F AND 140*F. IN THIS TEMPERATURE RANGE,
 BACTERIA CAN DOUBLE IN NUMBER IN AS LITTLE AS 20 MINUTES
- THE PREFERRED MEAT, SEAFOOD AND POULTRY STORAGE IS IN A REFRIGERATOR SET AT LESS THAN 40*F
- DO NOT OVERLOAD COOLERS AND FREEZERS, WHICH CAN PREVENT GOOD AIRFLOW AND MAKE UNITS WORK HARDER TO STAY COLD



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NOT ALL MEAT IS WORTHY

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