## **FOODKEEPING GUIDELINES**

|   | UNOPENED IN PANTRY | REFRIGERATE<br>AFTER OPENING                  | IN PANTRY AFTER OPENING                                    |
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| SHELF STABLE FOODS - PAGE 1   |                    |   |  |
| Baby food (jars and cans) fruits and vegetables   | Use-by-date        | 2-3 days                                      |  |
| Baby food (jars and cans) meats and eggs  | Use-by-date        | 1 day   |  |
| Baby food (jars and cans)   | Use-by-date        | ,   | 2 months   |
| Bacon bits, imitation   | 4 months           | Refer to jar                                  | 4 months   |
| Beans, dried Canned goods, low acid (such as meat, poultry,   | 12 months          | ·   | 12 months  |
| fish,gravy stew, soups, beans, carrots, corn, pasta, peas, potatoes and spinach ) Canned goods, high acid (such as juices, fruit, pickles, sauerkraut, tomato soup and foods in vinegar-based | 2-5 years          | 3-4 days                                      |  |
| sauce)  | 12-18 months       | 5-7 days                                      |  |
| Cereal, ready-to-eat  | 6-12 months        |   | 3 months   |
| Cereal, cooked (example: oatmeal)   | 12 months          |   | 6-12 months  |
| Coffee; Whole beans   | 1-3 weeks          | 2 weeks refrigerated (3-4 months              | 1 week   |
| Coffee: ground (non-vacuum bag and can)   | 2 years            | frozen)                                       | 1 week   |
| Coffee: instant (jars and tins)   | 12 months          | 2 weeks                                       | 2-3 months   |
| Cookies, packaged   | 2 months           | (8-12 months frozen)<br>3-4 months (frozen or | 4 weeks  |
| Crackers  | 8 months           | refrigerated)                                 | 1 month  |
| Diet powder mixes   | 6 months           |   | 3 months   |
| Fruits, dried   | 6 months           | 6 months                                      | 1 month  |
| Garlic, chopped   | 18 months          | Use-by-date                                   |  |
| Garlic (commercial jars)  | 8 months           | Use-by-date                                   |  |
| Gelatin (flavored)  | 18 months          |   | Use all or reseal for 3-4 months Use all or reseal for 3-4 |
| Gelatin (unflavored)  | 3 years            |   | months   |
| Gravy: jars and cans  | 2-5 years          | 1-2 days                                      | Use entire can   |
| Gravy: dry mixes  | 2 years            | 1-2 days                                      | Mix entire packet 12 months (in a cool, dark               |
| Herbs, dried  | 1-2 years          |   | place)   |
| Honey   | 12 months          |   | 12 months  |
| Jams, jellies, preserves  | 12 months          | 6 months                                      |  |
| Jerky: commercially dried   | 12 months          | 2-3 months                                    |  |
| Jerky: homemade   |                    | 1-2 months                                    | 1-2 months   |
| Juice boxes   | 4-6 months         | 8-12 days                                     |  |
| Lentil, dried   | 12 months          |   | 12 months  |
| Marshmallows and marshmallow crème  | 2-4 months         |   | 1 month  |
| Milk, canned evaporated   | 12 months          | 4-5 days                                      |  |
| Molasses  | 12 months          |   | 6 months   |
| Mushrooms, dried  | 6 months           |   | 3 months   |
| Oils: olive and vegetable   | 6 months           | 4 months                                      | 1-3 months   |
| Oils: nut oils  | 6 months           |   |  |
| Oils: vegetable oil sprays  | 2 years            |   | 12 months  |
|   |                    | 4-6 months (freeze 9-12                       |  |
| Nuts (jars or cans)   | 12 months          | months)                                       | 1 month  |