

Non-Perishable Food Sorting Guidelines

If there is no date on the product use the Food Sorting Guidelines to check for quality

Discard - damage

- ▶ significant rust, rust on body of can
- ▶ sharp/fractured dents
- ▶ dents on seams or rims, separated metal



Discard - contamination

- ▶ bulging cans
- ▶ sticky, slimy; unpleasant odor
- ▶ signs of infestation (gnawing)
- ▶ open/punctured packages with exposed food



Discard - labeling

- ▶ missing or illegible label
- ▶ no ingredients listed



Additional Inspection (don't pack in boxes)

- ▶ **foods in glass** (check for broken seals, popped tops)
- ▶ **foods containing alcohol** (need to be labeled before they go in the pantry)
- ▶ **pet food** (put in designated area)
- ▶ **baby food, formula** (check for damage, don't extend dates)
- ▶ **personal care items, paper products, non-food items** (non-food shelf)

