

RESIDENT FOOD STORAGE

Food brought in by family or other visitors will be handled in a way to ensure the safety of the residents.

PROCEDURES

1. Food items brought in for residents by families or visitors for residents are checked with the nurse to ensure consistency with prescribed diet order(s).
2. Food items that are already prepared by the family or visitor brought in must be labeled and dated.
 - a. The facility may refrigerate label and dated prepared items in the refrigerator.
 - b. The prepared food must be consumed by the resident within 3 days.
 - c. If not consumed within 3 days, food will be thrown away by facility staff.
 - d. The facility will not be responsible for maintaining any reusable container.
 - e. Staff will re-heat foods as needed when that food item is at the appropriate diet consistency.
3. All food items brought in that are manufactured and do not require refrigeration, may be kept in the resident room, preferably in a sealed container.
4. All items not maintained are subjected to being thrown away if not removed by the resident and/or resident representative.
5. If any part of this policy is not followed, the facility reserves the right to protect others by not allowing food items to be brought into the facility for a resident.