

Easy Ways to ... Freeze Fruit and Vegetables

Freeze	Blanch (quick boil)	Cook	
Put these in the freezer right away	Blanch these before freezing	Cook these before freezing	
Berries Cherries* Corn (cut off the cob) Grapes Peaches* Plums* Peeled melon Winter squash *remove pits	Artichokes Eggplant Asparagus Green beans Broccoli Leafy greens Brussels Okra sprouts Onions Cabbage Parsnips Carrots Peppers Cauliflower Summer squash Celery Zucchini	Apples Beets Beans and legumes Potatoes Sweet potatoes Tomatoes Pumpkin Radishes Winter squash	
Freezing Tips	Blanching Steps	Ways to Cook	
 Wash all fruits and vegetables. Store all food in a container with a tight lid. Label your food with the date when you freeze it. Food will keep for 6 months. 	 Boil enough water to cover all produce in pot. Clean produce. Chop into evensized pieces. Place produce in boiling water for 1 to 5 minutes and boil until just tender. Rinse under cold water until cool. Strain in colander, place in sealed container and freeze. 	 Bake or roast Sauté Boil Steam Poach 	



Storing Fruits and Vegetables Keep them FRESH!

Store these in a dark, dry place:

Hidden from heat and light, these foods can stay fresh for 1-3 months!

- Potatoes
- Garlic



- Sweet potatoes
- Winter squash

• Onions

Let these ripen on the counter; then, eat or move to the refrigerator:

Food can be kept fresh in the refrigerator for 3-10 days!

- Apples
- Cherries
- Grapes

- Melons
- Plums
- Peaches



- Pears
- Tomatoes

Store these items in the refrigerator:

Whole, uncut fruits and vegetables can stay fresh uncovered* 3-14 days!

- Asparagus*
- Berries (all types)
- Beets
- Broccoli
- Brussels sprouts
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cauliflower
- Celery*

- Chile peppers
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Eggplant
- Green onions
- Green beans
- Herbs*
- Leafy greens*
- Leeks

- Mushrooms (keep in
- paper bag)
- Okra (keep in paper bag)
- Peas
- Peppers
- Radishes
- Summer squash
- Zucchini



^{*}keep these items in a sealed plastic bag until ready to use.