Can Condition and Pantry Status Record

Check the container before counting the ingredient.

A dinner plan cannot overrule a package-condition decision.

Hypothetical example: an adult notices a deep seam dent, follows USDA disposition guidance and replaces the dinner ingredient on the household list.

01 Identify the container

Identify the actual can and visible condition.

Product and package identifier

Damage location and shape

Other visible condition

02 Check the guidance

Read the relevant USDA damage guidance.

Official source and date checked

Condition category identified

Question requiring an adult answer

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03 Decide the disposition

Record the disposition and commercial question separately.

Use, hold or discard decision

Handling adult and actual action

Seller question or replacement status

04 Update the meal

Give the next cook the current ingredient status.

Ingredient now unavailable

Suitable alternative actually present

Next cook told and storage adjustment