#kitchenhacks

FRIDGE

- Line your fruit/vegetable drawers with paper towels to absorb moisture. This will slow wilting.
- Wrap your fresh herbs in paper towels and then loosely in plastic wrap, leaving the ends exposed.
- When fresh herbs start to wilt, chop or blend them in water or oil, and freeze in ice trays.
- Extend the life of salad greens: store them in a container lined with paper towels.

PANTRY

- Potatoes, onions, garlic and squash should be stored in your pantry and not in the fridge.
- Add an apple to your stash of potatoes to prevent sprouting (this seems counterintuitive to the tip below but it's true, we promise.)

COUNTERTOP

- Don't wash, cut or peel fruit until you're ready to eat.
- Fruit like apples, pears, peaches and bananas give off ethylene gas, which causes other produce to ripen/rot faster.

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DAIRY PRODUCTS

Top shelf – about 7°C

STOP FOOD WASTE AT HOME

What Goes Where?

COOKED FOODS

Middle shelf – about 4.5°C

RAW, PERISHABLE FOODS

Bottom shelf – about 3°C

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Store loose, in separate bins. When using plastic bags, perforate to extend shelf life.

FROZEN FOODS

Wrap, label and date everything. Rotate food so you use older items first.

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KEEP YOUR FOOD FRESHER, LONGER

Pantry	Countertop			Refrigerator		
Onions	Banana	Apples	Grapes Keep dry in covered containers	Celery	Cucumbers	Mushrooms
Garlic	Citrus Fruit Store loose or in a mesh bag	Pears	Broccoli	Corn Store loose in husks	Fresh Herbs Wrap in paper towel then loosely in plastic	Peas
Potatoes	Stone Fruit Keep dry in covered containers	Beets Remove greens and leave loose in crisper	Cauliflower	Eggplant Wrap in paper towel then loosely in plastic	Green Beans	Squash & Zucchini Store in perforated bag
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Watermelon Up to 2 weeks. Then eat or freeze	Tomatoes	Cherries Keep dry in covered containers	Carrots Remove greens, store loose	Peppers	Spinach	Kale Wrap in paper towel then loosely in plastic
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