

FOOD GRADE CONTAINERS

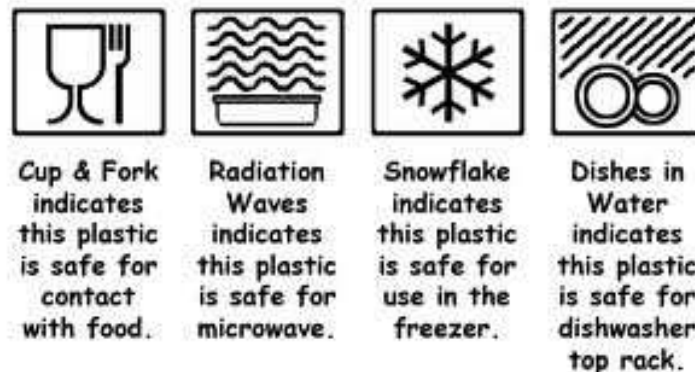
When storing food in cool rooms, store rooms, refrigerators or freezers, it is very important to make sure the containers are made from food grade plastic. Not all plastics are “food grade”, meaning they may not be safe for long term contact with food as chemicals can leak out.

CAN I USE TAKE-AWAY CONTAINERS FOR FOOD STORAGE?

The short answer is No. Take away containers are designed to be a “single use item” and that means it should only be used once. Single use items such as takeaway containers and ice cream containers are not able to withstand repeated heating and freezing, and definitely should not be used for long term food storage. These items are more likely to leak nasty chemicals into the food which is being stored inside.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH CONTAINERS ARE SAFE FOR FOOD?

Containers will have various symbols imprinted in the plastic on the bottom. These are the important ones to look for when buying food storage containers for your shop:



Always remember: **Use containers for their intended purpose!**

Plastic laundry tubs, large plastic storage buckets, ice cream containers, garbage bins, colanders with holes and the like are not designed for storage of food. Always make sure to look for the appropriate symbols on the bottom of the containers to make sure it is not only safe for food storage, but also safe for the intended use.

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