How To Store Your Breast Milk

STORAGE LOCATIONS AND TEMPERATURES

	COUNTERTOP/ ROOM TEMP 77°F (25°C) or colder (Room Temperature)	INSULATED MILK CHILLER OR COOLER WITH ICE 5°-39°F	REFRIGERATOR 40°F (4°C)	FREEZER O°F (-18°C) or colder
FRESHLY PUMPED, COLLECTED OR EXPRESSED	UP TO 4 Hours	UP TO 24 Hours	Up to 4 Days	Within 6 months is best. Up to 12 months is acceptable.
THAWED, PREVIOUSLY FROZEN	1–2 Hours	UP TO 24 Hours	UP TO 1 Day (24 hours)	NEVER refreeze human milk after it has been thawed.
LEFTOVER FROM A FEEDING (baby did not finish the bottle)	Use within 2 hours after the baby is finished feeding.			
Combining Milk from Different Sessions - make sure you are combining milk at the same temperature; date stored milk from the oldest batch.				

^{*}Recommended storage times are important to follow for best quality.

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