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# Organize Your Fridge

Innovative new containers and stylish storage keep food fresh and fabulous

## REMOVE AND REORDER

Begin by taking everything out of your refrigerator. Toss leftovers and expired products. Then, group like-size items together and rearrange the height of the shelves accordingly.

A great space saver: Decant bulky juice cartons into clear pitchers—they look great inside *and* on the table. Glass refrigerator pitchers, \$5 each; containerstore.com.

## CREATE EASY ACCESS

So clever: Keep food from being relegated to the back of a shelf by corralling all of your small jars together onto a Lazy Susan (make sure it has a lip around it so jars don't fall off). You'll never forget about that gourmet hot sauce again!

## REPURPOSE YOUR CRISPER

With so many produce-friendly containers on the market (see box, right), you can now dedicate one of the drawers to something other than veggies. Store individually wrapped snacks—or stash foods you don't want to see when hunger strikes—down below.

Wondering whether those snap peas are still edible? Log on to the super-informative [stilltasty.com](http://stilltasty.com) to find out the shelf life of hundreds of products.



**CRUNCH TIME** New technology keeps veggies viable longer than ever: Perfectly sized vessels with tiny airholes maintain garlic or a cut tomato **1** at its best. *Garlic and tomato keepers*, \$9 each; [tupperware.com](http://tupperware.com). Little platforms **2** and vents **3** in these containers allow air to circulate and stave off sogginess. *Rubbermaid Produce Saver set*, \$10/4; at Walmart. *Lettuce keeper*, *Progressive International*, \$16; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). **4** Herbs (and asparagus) last for weeks (really!) with stems slightly submerged in water. *Herb Savor Pods*, *Prepara*, \$20; [prepara.com](http://prepara.com).

## SMART EXTRAS FOR THE INSIDE

This all-natural, 2-inch cube deodorizes your fridge and lasts a year. Chikuno Cube bamboo air freshener, \$29; [delight.com](http://delight.com).



Easy-to-read labels help you track leftovers. Date Mates labels, \$19/20; [mabelslabels.com](http://mabelslabels.com).



Plastic boxes infused with antimicrobial silver particles seal tight—so berries stay mold-free for weeks. Fresh Life by Lori Greiner containers, \$30/7; [qvc.com](http://qvc.com).



A sized-down Lazy Susan like this will easily fit inside a fridge. 12" Lazy Susan, \$10; at Romanoff, 800-828-9587.

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