Canned Food Safety

When in doubt, throw it out!
Use good judgment when any signs of damage or deterioration are present. Discarding unsafe or suspect food is not waste; it is helping to protect human health and human lives. Do not accept home canned products, and if any cans are received with any of the following conditions, throw them away!

- Severe dent in seam
- Deep dents in can body
- Missing or illegible labels
- Holes or signs of leaking
- Rust that cannot be wiped off
- Swollen areas or bulges

Don’t Forget!
Store all of your canned goods in a cool, clean, dry place. Be sure to check “use by” dates and rotate foods so the oldest are used first. When preparing food also remember to:

- Rinse the tops of all cans.
- Regularly wash your can openers.
- Use airtight containers. Do not leave open cans in the fridge.