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Greetings,

This document defines product set-up requirements expiration dates in Metrc.

Please read the following pages for more information.

Package Expiration or Use by Date

Effective June 15, 2026, each of the items in Metrc will be assigned an expiration date or best if used by date. For all flower products, the license holder must enter a Use By date, and for all concentrates and finished products, a license holder must enter an Expiration date. When creating a new package, that expiration or use by date will automatically be set to 1 day either from the harvest date for bulk flower or from the packaging date. These dates can be manually updated when creating a new package based on stability testing results.

Expiration or use-by dates should be within 6-months of the harvest or manufacturing date until product stability has been demonstrated on the first batch of a manufacturing or cultivation process.

Once product stability is established, the item should be updated in Metrc to use the demonstrated stability to calculate the expiration or use by date. The expiration or use by date for a batch of cannabis product is determined from the date of the batch compliance testing. To calculate the expiration date, add the stability time demonstrated to the day that compliance testing was successfully completed. For example, if 8-month stability is demonstrated for a product, and it was tested January 1st, the expiration date would be August 31st.

For Minnesota expiration or use by date requirements, please refer to the Minnesota Rules, part 9810.3100 subpart 5F and Minnesota Cannabis Technical Authority: Standards for Sampling and Testing Cannabis Products (Section IX, Page 14) Stability Testing.

Rules: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/9810.3100/>

Technical Authority: <https://mn.gov/ocm/businesses/resources/product-testing/technical-authority.jsp>

Updating Package Expiration Date

The expiration or use by date can be updated manually when creating a new package using a new item. Please note that there will not be an expiration or use by date field when repackaging an existing package using the same item, as shown in **Figure 2**.

The screenshot shows the 'New Packages' window with the following details:

- New Package # 1** (clear button)
- New Tag:** 1A4FF01000000CE000000292
- Location:** Down Bad Location
- Item:** Vape Catwalkers Strawberry 1ct
- Same Item
- Quantity:** 20, Each
- Note:** (empty)
- Package Date:** 04/23/2025
- Expiration Date:** 10/20/2025 (highlighted with a red box)
- Package # 1:** 1A4FF01000000CE000000288
- Item:** Flower | MN Grown | 3.5 Flower | Golden Goat
- Current Lab Testing State:** Test Passed
- Quantity:** ex. 100.23, Grams, Max
- Quick Entry:** Quick entry packages OFF

Below the form, a blue information box states: "When the selected Item has a configured Shelf Life Date (Expiration Date, Sell By Date, Use By Date):"

- When the new Package is a Production Batch or Opening Balance Package:
 - The new date will be calculated based on the **new packaged date** and the configured number of days*.
- Otherwise:
 - If at least one ingredient (source) Package has the Shelf Life Date, this date is inherited.

Figure 2: Expiration Date Field in New Packages Window

Once the new package has been created, that package will appear in the active packages grid. Notice that there is an expiration date column in the grid and the input expiration data appears in that column, see **Figure 3**.

Rcv'd	Exp.
	10/21/2025
	01/17/2026

Figure 3: Expiration Date Column on the Packages Grid

To update the expiration or use by date for a package, navigate to the packages area in Metrc on the navigational toolbar, select the desired package and click the “Edit Shelf Life” button to input an updated expiration or use by date **see Figure 4**.

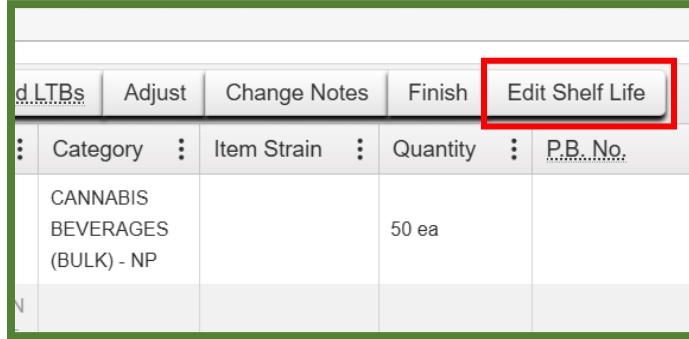


Figure 4: Edit Shelf Life Button

This will open the Edit Shelf Life action window to enter a new expiration or use by date, if needed, **see Figure 5**.

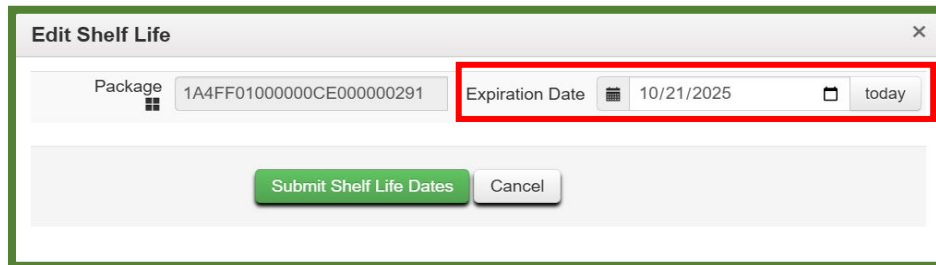


Figure 5: Selecting a Package to Add/Edit Expiration Date

Metrc resources

If you have any questions, or need additional support, the following resources are available:

Contact Metrc Support by navigating to [Support.Metrc.com](https://support.metrc.com), or from the Metrc System, click the Support area dropdown on the navigational toolbar and click support.metrc.com to redirect to the portal.

Please note: If accessing the portal for the first time, a username (which is established when logging in), the respective state and “Facility license number”, and a valid email to set a password are required.

Metrc Learn: Metrc Learn is designed to offer interactive educational opportunities to enhance Metrc system users’ skills and provide various training options based on experience level.

In addition, the learning system is organized into facility-specific programs made up of various courses. To login or register for an account, visit [Metrc Learn](#).

Access additional resources: In the Metrc system, click on the Support area dropdown on the navigational toolbar and select the appropriate resource, including educational guides, manuals, and more.

Thank you for your continued partnership.