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Contact Point: Metrc Support	Subject: Expiration Dates	
Reason: To define the use of expiration dates.		

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

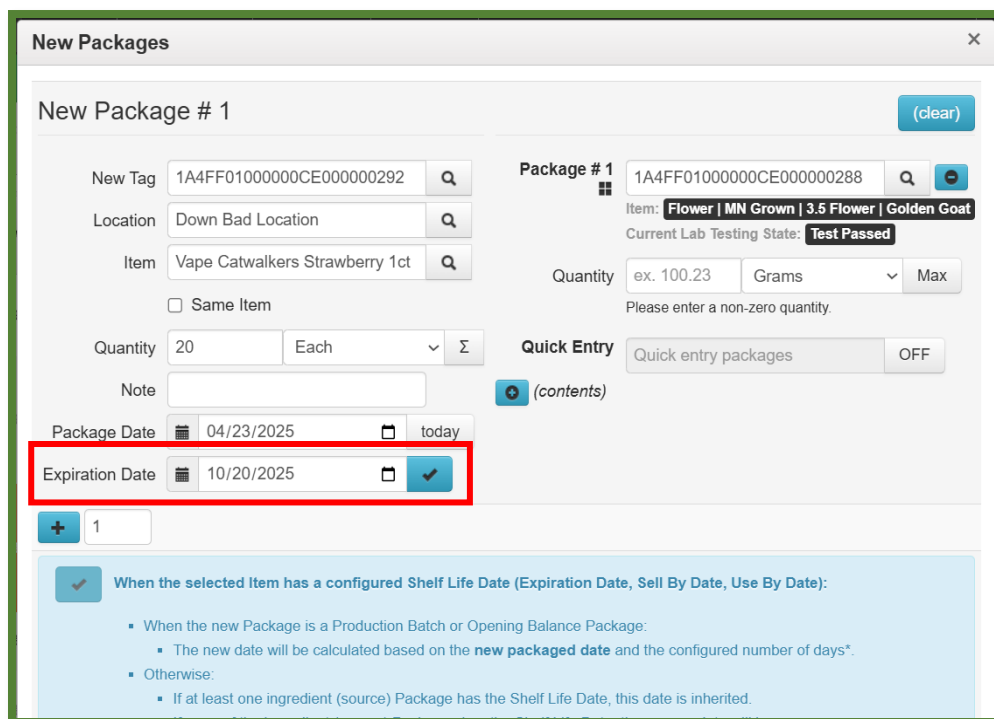
Effective September 2, 2026, all packages must have a listed expiration or best by date following the guidelines of (GM-2026-04). Minnesota Statute 342.02 Subd 2(4) indicates that flower must be assigned a 'best if used by' date, while Metrc has the field 'Use By.' These terms are considered interchangeable.

When creating a package for an item that requires an Expiration Date or Use By Date, users should review and manually update the Expiration Date field or Use By Date to align with COAs and compliance testing date. If the expiration date is not updated, it will default to 1 day.

"CANNABIS FLOWER (BULK)" and bulk forms of concentrations, distillates, and extracts have an optional expiration or use by date with a default of 365 days. The expiration or use by date will automatically populate but can be deleted.

Updating Package Expiration Date

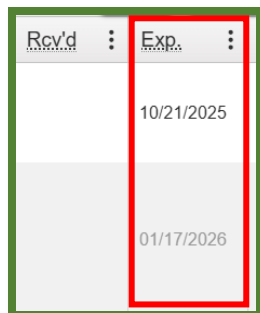
The expiration or use by date can be updated manually when creating a new package using a new item. Please note that there will not be an expiration or use by date field when repackaging an existing package using the same item, as shown in **Figure 2**.



The screenshot shows the 'New Packages' window. The 'New Package # 1' section is visible. The 'Expiration Date' field is highlighted with a red box, showing a date of 10/20/2025. The 'Package Date' field shows 04/23/2025. The 'Item' field shows 'Vape Catwalkers Strawberry 1ct'. The 'Quantity' field shows 20. The 'Package # 1' field shows 1A4FF01000000CE000000288. The 'Current Lab Testing State' is 'Test Passed'. The 'Quick Entry' section is set to 'OFF'. A blue box at the bottom contains a message: 'When the selected Item has a configured Shelf Life Date (Expiration Date, Sell By Date, Use By Date):' followed by two bullet points: '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*.' and '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

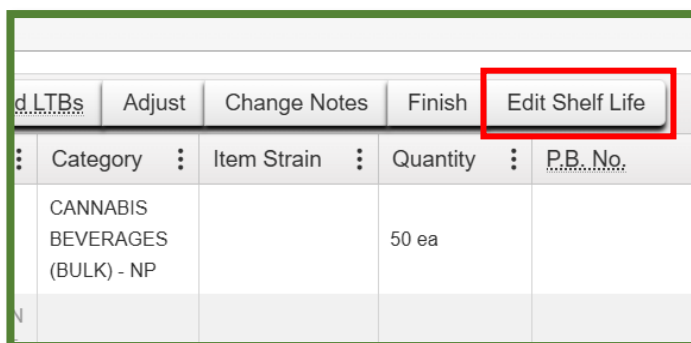
Once the new package has been created, that package will appear in the active packages grid. Notice that there is an expiration date column in the grid and the input expiration data appears in that column, **see Figure 3**.



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

Figure 3: Expiration Date Column on the Packages Grid

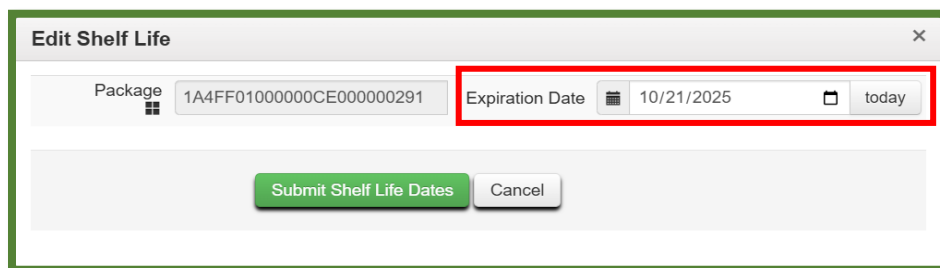
To update the expiration or use by date for a package, navigate to the packages area in Metrc on the navigational toolbar, select the desired package and click the “Edit Shelf Life” button to input an updated expiration or use by date **see Figure 4**. This update is applied only to the selected package. It does not apply to any child packages.



Category	Item Strain	Quantity	P.B. No.
CANNABIS BEVERAGES (BULK) - NP		50 ea	

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**. Only the producer of the package should update the shelf life. The “Edit Shelf Life” feature will only be enabled for cultivation and manufacturing facilities.



Edit Shelf Life

Package

1A4FF01000000CE000000291

Expiration Date

10/21/2025

today

Submit Shelf Life Dates

Cancel

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

Expiration or Use By Date Calculation

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 at the package level.

Expiration or best-by dates are calculated by adding the product stability to the date of the initial compliance testing. If there is not a product stability study completed, the expiration or best by date should be within 6-months of the compliance testing date.

It is the responsibility of the business that produced the package to define the expiration or use by dates and ensure compliance with all requirements and guidance. Product that has passed the expiration date on the physical label must be segregated and destroyed by the business. Wholesalers and Retailers will not be able to update shelf-life for packages in their inventory. For Minnesota expiration or use by date requirements, please refer to the Minnesota Rules, part 9810.3100 subpart 5F and Minnesota Cannabis Technical Authority.

Expiration or use-by dates should be based on the product stability established through stability testing. Based on the results of the stability test results, the expiration date or use by date can be calculated by adding the stability or shelf-life demonstrated to the date 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 additional questions please contact testing.ocm@state.mn.us.

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.