

Rendleman Orchards

618-893-2771 PEACH HANDLING and STORING GUIDELINES

- Please lay out and look over all peaches promptly, putting the ripest peaches to use immediately!
- Less mature peaches may be allowed to remain on counter in single layer to ripen for later use.
- Tree-ripened peaches often need additional ripening once purchased to increase their softness and juiciness.
- Do not refrigerate unripe peaches as this inhibits ripening and causes the fruit to become dry, mealy, and flavorless.
- Once unwashed peaches are ripe, they can be refrigerated in an open container normally for just a few days.
- Ideal temperature is 35-40 degrees,
- High humidity may be achieved by placing barely damp, not wet, cloth or paper towels over the peaches in the vegetable crisper drawer.
- *Note:* Peaches are highly sensitive to freezing injury and are likely to suffer injury by one light freezing, so, temperature control should not be adjusted too low.

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