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# **Time Control Plan**

**REFERENCE:** 12 VAC 5-421-850. Time as a public health control.

When time control is used for time and temperature control for safety (TCS) foods, the person in charge of operations must ensure that the safety requirements for this method are met. Those parameters include:

1. TCS Foods may be held outside of temperature control for a maximum of four hours.
2. The food shall be marked, or the time limit must be otherwise controlled, to indicate the time that is four hours past when the food was removed from temperature control.
3. Once the four-hour time limit has passed, food **must** be immediately discarded and **cannot** be cooled and/or re-served.

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**Table 1.** Food Items on Time Control

| **Food Item** | **Discard Time** |
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**Describe method to be used for indication of 4-hour time limit.**

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Staff members directly responsible for overseeing proper implementation of the time control plan should sign below as acknowledgement of understanding the information above.

