## Tips on maximising BioFresh to keep food fresher for longer saving you \$\$\$\$\$

Ethylene isn't all bad even though it's a major contributor in shortening the life of your hard earnt produce but sometimes it can be your friend.....Did you know that you can speed up the ripening process of an unripe fruit by putting a high emitting ethylene producing food near to it, for example, by putting an unripe avocado, kiwi fruit or even a watermelon together with an apple in a bag!

However for the most part you really want to slow down the release of Ethylene gas to maximise your product shelf life which in turn will save you lots of money. Here are some tips to help achieve this - By using our BioFresh storage drawers which are set at just above zero degrees then selecting the appropriate low or high humidity setting the Ethylene producing gas is dramatically slowed. This process will increase your food shelf life significantly longer whilst still maintaining the original level of moisture. It will keep the colour and snap in your fruit and veggies longer whilst still maintaining your dairy, meats and seafood as pristine as the day it was purchased. However as advanced as the Liebherr BioFesh technology is make no mistake that Ethylene will be the eventual winner but with a bit of good planning your food would have been consumed and enjoyed by all well before it can no longer be enjoyed.

Some fruits and vegetables are more sensitive to the ethylene gas, so keep such produce away from ethylene producers as they deteriorate quickly and decay prematurely in high- ethylene environment. The degree of damage depends upon the concentration of ethylene, the temperature and duration of exposure.









- 1. High ethylene producing fruits should be kept away from other fruits and vegetables. Store fruits and vegetables separately, because fruits release more ethylene gas than vegetables, which can spoil the veggies. Keep leafy vegetables and lettuce away from fruits. Therefore, store ethylene emitting produce such as apples, avocados, bananas, melons, peaches, pears, tomatoes, etc. separately from broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, leafy greens, lettuce, etc. as these are ethylene sensitive.
- 2. Do not store spinach, kale or similar leafy vegetables near apples, bananas or peaches, otherwise they will turn yellow quickly and limp.
- 3. Keep away your ripe foods from ethylene-producing foods to last longer.
- 4. Storing potatoes with apples naturally inhibit the sprouting in potatoes. The potato industry introduce trace amounts of ethylene into potato storage boxes to delay the sprouting process significantly.
- 5. Keep onions & potatoes separated as both can release moisture that will cause each other to spoil faster. Store them separately in a dry, cool and airy place. Many people have given ethylene as the reason for storing onions and potatoes separately, but that is not true; both potatoes and onions do not produce ethylene gas, only potato is sensitive to this gas.
- 6. Remove and discard the older rotten fruits so that your other fruits and vegetables last longer with full nutritional benefits.
- 7. Citrus fruits do not ripen further after they are picked so they have long self-life.
- 8. Note also that tomatoes are not artificially reddened by ethylene. The normal tomato ripening process can be accelerated by externally applied ethylene.

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## **Ethylene Producing Fruits & Vegetables**

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Fruits & Vegetables	Ethylene Emission	<b>Ethylene Sensitivity</b>		
Apples	High	Yes		
Apricots	High	Yes		
Avocados, ripe	High	Yes		
Avocados, unripe	Low	Yes, Very		
Bananas, green	Low	Yes		
Bananas, ripe	Medium	No		
Blackberries	Very Low	No		
Blueberries	Very Low	No		
Cantaloupe	Medium	Yes		
Cherries	Very Low	No		
Cucumbers	Very Low	Yes		
Figs	Low	No		
Grapefruit	Very Low	No		
Grapes	Very Low	Yes		
Guavas	Medium	Yes		
Kiwi, ripe	High	Yes		
Kiwi, unripe	Low	Yes, Very		
Lemons	Very Low	No		
Limes	Very Low	No		
Lychees	Very Low	No		
Mangoes	Medium	Yes		
Melons, Honey Dew	Medium	Yes		
Nectarines	High	No		
Okra	Very Low	Yes		
Oranges	Very Low	No		
Papayas	Medium	Yes		
Peaches	High	Yes		
Pears	High	Yes		
Pineapples	Very Low	No		
Plums	High	Yes		
Prunes	High	Yes		
Quinces	High	Yes		
Raspberries	Very Low	No		
Strawberries	Very Low	No		
Tangerines	Very Low	No		
Tomatoes, green	Low	Yes		
Tomatoes, ripe	Medium	No		

NO Ethylene Emission, Not Sensitive			
Fruits & Vegetables	<b>Ethylene Emission</b>	<b>Ethylene Sensitivity</b>	
Artichoke Sweet	No	No	
Cherries sweet	No	No	
Chicory	No	No	
Coconuts	No	No	
Corn	No	No	
Cranberries	No	No	
Endive	No	No	
Garlic	No	No	
Ginger	No	No	
Kohlrabi	No	No	
Onions	No	No	
Peppers sweet	No	No	
Pomegranates	No	No	
Rhubarb	No	No	

Ethylene Sensitive Fruits & Vegetables			
Fruits & Vegetables	Ethylene Emission	<b>Ethylene Sensitivity</b>	
Asparagus	No	Yes	
Avocados, ripe	High	Yes	
Avocados, unripe	Low	Yes, Very	
Bananas, green	Low	Yes	
Basil	No	Yes	
Beets	No	Yes	
Bok Choy	No	Yes	
Broccoli	No	Yes	
Brussels Sprouts	No	Yes	
Cabbage	No	Yes	
Cantaloupe	Medium	Yes	
Carrots	No	Yes	
Cauliflower	No	Yes	
Celery	No	Yes	
Cucumbers	Very Low	Yes	
Eggplant	No	Yes	
Grapes	Very Low	Yes	
Green Beans	No	Yes	
Green Peas	No	Yes	
Guavas	Medium	Yes	
Herbs	No	Yes	
Kiwi, ripe	High	Yes	
Kiwi,unripe	Low	Yes, Very	
Leeks	No	Yes	
Lettuce	No	Yes	
Mangoes	Medium	Yes	
Honey Dew	Medium	Yes	
Mushrooms	No	Yes	
Okra	Very Low	Yes	
Papayas	Medium	Yes	
Parsnips	No	Yes	
Peaches	High	Yes	
Pears	High	Yes	
Peppers,hot	No	Yes	
Persimmons	No	Yes, Very	
Plums	High	Yes	
Prunes	High	Yes	
Potatoes	No	Yes	
Pumpkins	No	Yes	
Quinces	High	Yes	
Radishes	No	Yes	
Rutabagas	No	Yes	
Salad Mixes	No	Yes	
Sprouts	No	Yes	
Squashes, summer	No	Yes	
Squashes, winter	No	Yes	
Sweet Potatoes	No	Yes	
Tomatoes, green	Low	Yes	
Turnips	No	Yes	
Watermelon	No	Yes, Very	

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