



STAR-K KOSHER CERTIFICATION

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STAR-K UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR BUYING *CHOMETZ* AFTER *PESACH* IN THE BALTIMORE AREA

1) Retail Stores – Time Shortened

In general, STAR-K advises consumers to wait four weeks after *Pesach* before purchasing *chometz** from major non-Jewish supermarkets (such as Target, Giant/Stop & Shop and Safeway) that buy *chometz* products from Jewish distributors who do not sell their *chometz*. The explanation for this is found [here](#).

This year, however, as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, our research has found that *chometz* (and all food) products are moving exceptionally quickly through the grocery supply chain as many people are sheltering at home and restaurants are closed.

Therefore, STAR-K is advising that one may start purchasing *chometz* from these stores as of this **Friday, May 1**.

2) Restaurant Supply Stores – Time Extended

For restaurant supply stores like Restaurant Depot, which is Jewish owned, the opposite is true. Restaurant Depot's turnover is much slower this year and therefore we are *extending* the date to buy from them until the day after *Shavuos*, **Sunday, May 31**.

3) Liquor Stores – No Change

For Jewish-owned liquor stores, we are still recommending that consumers wait until **Sunday, May 31** (the day after *Shavuos*) to buy *chometz* alcoholic beverages (whiskey, etc.) with the exception of beer.

4) MD Beer Alert - TBD

We are reviewing the information in the [Maryland Beer Alert](#) and *bez"H* hope to post an update to those guidelines within the next week.

* Please refer to STAR-K's [Buying Chometz After Pesach Chart](#) which lists the products that are considered *chometz* for these purposes. This chart also appears on **page 173** of the **2020 STAR-K Pesach Directory**.