



FOODSTUFFS

(PERISHABLES)

West Manheim Twp. Police Dept.

Property Manual



1
Mark original container, if present, with identifiers such as name or initials and date.



2
Photograph and document. Foods or other perishable items will only be stored until their condition deteriorates. They should be processed as “short lived” evidence.



3
Place in appropriate size ziplock bag.



4
Seal with evidence tape and affix tag with clear tape. Place in Evidence Refrigerator. If processing at Lab, attach *Lab Request* and transport same day, if possible.

Points of Interest

- Protect perishables from *exposure to sunlight* and *extreme temperatures*.
- *Chewed gum* should be air dried in the drying locker, placed in a size “C” envelope, sealed with evidence tape, then packaged in a size “A” envelope. Do not package in *plastic* bag or container.
- *Bite marks* may be analyzed for identifiable impressions and/or serological testing.
- If bite mark is to be analyzed, package in a manner to *prevent alteration from contact or shifting*.