

**PROPER PEACH CARE**  
**(Courtesy of Black Bear Orchards)**

The most important thing you can do is sort your peaches and remove the foam divider as soon as you get your peaches home.

1. When you first get your box of peaches, sort them as soon as possible to remove the ripest ones. This is a simple process. Remove the lid and survey the top layer for peaches that are bruising. Move those to a convenient place for expedient consumption. Gently feel the rest of the top layer for other soft peaches immediately ready to eat. Separate the ones that are immediately ready to eat from those that are firmer on the top layer.
2. Remove the foam separator between the top and bottom layer and repeat the above actions with the second layer.
3. Then, REFRIGERATE softer peaches if they will not be consumed right away and leave the firmer ones out on the countertop to soften up. Once the countertop peaches soften up, they should be refrigerated as well to reduce the chance of spoilage. As with any fruit, please wash before consuming. Enjoy!