

When Does Makeup & Cosmetics Expire? {Cheat Sheet}

Note: Always Look At Expiration Dates If Packaging Has Them And "When In Doubt, Throw It Out"

Makeup	Expiration
Blush (cream)	1 year
Blush (powder)	2 years
Concealer (liquid)	1 year
Concealer (powder or stick)	2 years
Eye liner (liquid)	2-3 months
Eye liner (pencil, if sharpened)	1-2 years
Eye shadow (cream)	3-6 months
Eye shadow (powder)	2 years
Face powder	2 years
Foundation (liquid)	6-12 months
Foundation (powder)	18 months
Lipgloss	12-18 mos.
Lipstick and Lip liner	1 year
Mascara	2-3 months

Hint 1: Always check product labeling. Often there's a symbol that looks like an opened pot with a number and letter. M for month, and Y for year. So 6M, for example, means good for 6 months after opening. Use those guidelines when available since the manufacturer knows the full ingredient list.

Cosmetics & Toiletries	Expiration
Acne products	3-12 months
Anti-aging creams	3-12 months
Body wash	3 years
Deodorant & Anti-perspirant	3 years
Hairstyling products	2-3 years
Loofahs & Bath sponges	1-2 months
Lotion (body) (pump container)	2-3 years
Moisturizer (facial)	1 year
Mouthwash	3 years
Nail polish	Indefinite
Perfume & Cologne	2-4 years
Shampoo & Conditioner	2 years
Shaving cream	2 years
Soap (bar)	3 years
Sunscreen	1-3 years
Toothpaste	2 years

Hint 2: If the product smells funny or the formula is separating these are good cues that despite these guidelines, throw it out.

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