



FOOD SAFETY:

Whatcom County Master Food Preservers & Safety Advisors
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CONSIDERATION WHEN SELECTING A FOOD DEHYDRATOR

Construction

- Sturdy and Safe
- Easy to clean
- Convenient to load and unload
- Adequate venting

Size

- Adequate for family needs
- Easy to handle
- Fits on counter or other convenient to use area

Trays

- Food safe plastic or stainless or stainless steel
- Mesh easy to clean and replace
- Durable
- Small mesh to prevent small pieces from falling through

Fan

- Durable
- Quiet
- Distributes heat evenly

Efficiency

- Dries evenly
- Good air circulation

Temperature control

- Adjustable - between 80° F and 160° F
- Easy to find and read
- Safety shut-off fuse

Safety

- United Laboratory (UL) approved or other safety approved
- Non-flammable construction
- Non-toxic paint
- Enclosed electrical components
- No sharp edges or corners

Manufacturer's reliability

- Warranty with unit, What is covered?
- Location of repair center
- Instructions for use and maintenance
- Replacement parts availability

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