SAVE THE FOOD

Mason Gardeners learn ways to prevent food waste

Pears are best stored at room temperature if firm and unripe.
Once ripe, refrigerate loose in a low-humidity drawer then bring back to room temperature before eating for best flavor

To revive slightly limp **broccoli**, apply ice directly to the bunch or plunge into an ice-water bath, drain, and place in the fridge.

Don't forget to eat the stalks too!

If your cauliflower has a yellowish coloring, it's because it has been exposed to the sun while growing so you can still eat it. Small and light brown spots are normal and harmless – if you don't like it make dip or soup!

Make your **salad greens** last longer by storing with a damp cloth in an airtight container in the high-humidity drawer

Is your **onion** sprouting green tops? Simply remove the green sprouts and peel as usual. You can even use the green sprout as you would a green onion.

That's 2 veggies in 1!

wrapped in wax or parchment paper to allow it to breathe. Wrapping it tightly in plastic traps moisture, encouraging bacteria and mold.

If your **brussels sprouts** aren't looking it's best, simply peel away the yellowing outer layers – often there is still a significant and beautiful sprout inside!

For more ways to save the food visit the Mason gardening website or www.savethefood.com