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CHECKING FOR BUGS IF BUGS NOT COMMON

If Bugs NOT Common on That Plant Grown in That Area

If less than one bug is usually found in 10 servings, you may simply wash the vegetables and then use them. If you happen to find a bug, you must remove it and you do not need to check the others.

NOTE If you find three bugs, you must check all of the food.

CHECKING FOR BUGS IF BUGS ARE COMMON

If Bugs Are Common on That Plant Grown in That Area

The presence of insects on fruits, vegetables, grains, etc., depends on season, location, crop type, year, and current conditions in the growing area. If more than one bug is usually found in 10 servings, you must wash or soak (preferably in salt water or soapy water) all of the food and carefully check a quantity equal to three servings. You may check the food or the water in which the food was soaked, if such soaking will remove the bugs.

NOTE Soapy water may be required to remove all bugs.

If You Do Not Find Any Bugs

If you do not find any bugs by this procedure, you may use all of the other (uninspected) food.

If You Do Find Bugs

If you find even one bug, you must either check each piece of vegetable OR soak (preferably in salt water or soapy water) or rinse the entire batch. Then check three more servings and continue until no bugs have been found after one cycle of washing and inspecting.

NOTE You may keep washing vegetables multiple times, without limit, until there are no more bugs**.**

CHECKING FOR BUGS USING CHAZAKA

Checking for Bugs Using Chazaka

Soak vegetables (preferably in salt water or soapy water) and check three servings from same batch of vegetables. If you find no bugs, you may employ a *chazaka* to allow use of the remaining vegetables without checking them.

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Checking Grains for Bugs

To check grain for insects, spread the grains on a flat surface.

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