



The Care and Feeding of your New Cupcake.

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA -- Congratulations on your new cupcake ownership! A cupcake is an easy thing to take care of, mainly because it doesn't tend to exist long after you buy it. The only accessories and equipment you'll need are a fork, possibly a napkin, and an appetite.

These are all good things. There are, however, a couple of additional things to consider that



Your cupcake should definitely be eaten.

will make this brief cupcake ownership an even more enjoyable experience.

First, let's talk room temperature. You'd think the cupcake would be perfect right out of the cooler, but there's an even better way to enjoy the cupcake, particularly if it has buttercream frosting. Because of the nature of the made-from-scratch buttercream frosting, your cupcake will taste even more melt-in-your-mouth delicious if you let it sit out at room temperature for a short while. Hold off eating it if you can! Let the buttercream frosting bask in warmer room temperature and soften up a bit. In the summer, or when it is warm outside, a very short while is needed, indeed.

If, however, your cupcake is one with whipped topping (the Mochaccino, or the Chocolate Malt, for example), it's best to keep it refrigerated until it is time to serve the cupcake.

As always, temperature extremes should be avoided, especially excessive heat. Keep all cupcake refrigerated if you do not plan on eating them soon after purchase. Cupcakes may be frozen for a few days if you do not plan on eating them within that time frame. In fact, if you're hoarding cupcakes, the freezer is a good idea.

We can all understand the need to hoard cupcakes.