

# Washing & Baking Frozen Pies

Simply follow these easy, step-by-step instructions for beautiful golden brown pies every time!



### Important:

- Never use pan liners.
- Never cool at refrigerated state.
- Never thaw Gardner Pies before baking! For best results place a full rack of frozen pies directly in a 450° oven.
- Always wash pies before baking using a traditional egg wash, water and sugar or baking spray.
- Store egg wash in refrigerator for up to one day. Discard unused egg wash after 24 hours.
- Washing the crimp will produce an undesirably dark crust.

#### **Materials**

Eggs or coarse sugar/baking spray Water Gardner fruit pies Pastry brush Appropriate baking pans

#### Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 450°. Adjust oven after loading to recommended baking temperature, below.
- 2. Unwrap pies and place on baking sheet, 3 to 4 pies per sheet. (10" 3 Pies and 9" 4 Pies)
- 3. Mix the egg wash by blending equal amounts of egg and water.
- 4. Brush egg wash on top of pies being careful to avoid the crimp. Alternately, spray pies with water and sprinkle lightly with coarse sugar or coat evenly with baking spray.
- 5. Place baking sheet of washed pies in oven,
  - adjusting the temperature as follows: Deck – 370° to 380° Convection – 350° to 355°
- 7. Bake until crust is golden brown and fruit shows controlled bleeding:
  Deck – 55 to 60 minutes
  - Convection 50 to 55 minutes
- 8. Cool at room temperature.

## Shelf Life

3 days from bake date.

No refrigeration required for fruit pies. Pumpkin, Sweet Potato and Sweet Potato Crunch must be refrigerated after cooling.

Your Gardner Pie Broker is: