Alice! Health Promotion Guide to Grocery Shopping

Balanced nutrition starts with informed choices in the grocery store. Consider these strategies to get the most out of your shopping trip! Then, use the list on the following pages for some ideas for what to buy!

Before you go grocery shopping...

- Plan your meals ahead of time. Don't forget about healthy snacks! Check out the *Alice!* Health Promotion Meal Planner for some tips.
- See what items you currently have in stock by checking your refrigerator and pantry, then making a list of ingredients you still need.
- Eat before you shop. If you arrive hungry, you may be more likely to purchase unnecessary items!

Save more at the store...

- Check out store flyers for any sales or coupons on items you need. You can also join your store's loyalty program for special offers and discounts!
- Look up and down for savings: Stores often stock the priciest items at eye level, so check out upper and lower shelves, too!
- Most store-brands often cost less than name-brands, so check out the different options before buying.
- Grab from the back: Stores typically stock shelves from back to front, placing the newest and the freshest items behind the older ones.
 - If you're able, purchase non-perishable items in bulk, which may be sold at a lower cost.
 - Choose fresh fruits and vegetables that are in season. You can also try buying them canned or frozen to save some money.
 - Pre-cut and instant items may be convenient, but they can also be more expensive than those that require prep time. Try opting for the whole items instead!



Grocery List

VEGGIES

- □ Alfalfa sprouts □ Fennel
- □ Green beans □ Asparagus
- □ Beets □ Kale □ Bell peppers □ Leeks
- □ Bok Choy □ Lettuce greens
- □ Broccoli □ Mushrooms
- □ Onions □ Brussels sprouts
- □ Peas □ Cabbage
- □ Carrots □ Peppers
- □ Cauliflower □ Potatoes
- □ Celery □ Radish
- □ Chard □ Snap/snow peas
- □ Collard greens □ Spinach □ Corn □ Squash
- □ Cucumbers □ Sweet potatoes
- □ Edamame □ Tomatoes
- □ Zucchini □ Eggplant

- □ Beef □ Nuts
- □ Black beans □ Peanut butter

LEAN PROTEIN

- □ Pinto beans □ Black-eyed
 - □ Pumpkin or peas
- □ Chicken sunflower seeds
- □ Chickpeas □ Salmon
- □ Shellfish □ Eggs
- □ Ham □ Soybeans
- □ Meat or (edamame) □ Tempeh vegetarian
 - burgers □ Tilapia
- □ Hummus □ Tofu
- □ Kidnev beans □ Turkey **□** Lentils □ White beans

FRUITS

- □ Apples □ Kiwi
- □ Apricots □ Mango
- □ Nectarines □ Bananas
- □ Berries □ Oranges
- □ Cantaloupe □ Papaya
- □ Cherries □ Peaches
- □ Cranberries □ Pears
- □ Dates □ Pineapples
- □ Figs □ Plums
 - □ Grapefruit □ Pomegranate
 - □ Prunes
 - □ Raisins
 - □ Rhubarb
 - □ Watermelon

WHOLE GRAINS

- □ Barley □ Oats
- **□** Brown rice
- □ Bulgur
- □ Cereal
- **□** Couscous
- □ Crackers
- □ Kasha
- □ Millet

- □ Pasta
- □ Popcorn (plain)
- □ Quinoa
- □ Wheat germ
- □ Whole wheat
 - bread
- □ Wild rice
- □ Seeds





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□ Basil	□ Ginger		
□ Black pepper	☐ Mustard seeds		
□ Cardamom	□ Oregano		
□ Cayenne pepper	□ Parsley		
□ Chili Powder	□ Red pepper	LOW-FAT DAIRY	
□ Chives	flakes	LOW-FAI DAINI	
□ Cinnamon	□ Rosemary	□ Fat-free sour	□ Low-fat yogur
□ Coriander	□ Sage	cream	□ Fortified soy,
□ Cumin	□ Thyme	□ Low-fat cheese	almond,
	□ Turmeric	□ Low-fat cream	Cashew, and
		cheese	coconut milk
HEALTHY	FATS	□ Low-fat milk	□ Low-fat yogur
□ Almonds	□ Olive oil	WHAT ELSE?	
□ Avocado	□ Peanuts		
□ Black olives	□ Pecans	<u> </u>	
□ Brazil nuts	□ Pistachios		
□ Coconut seeds	□ Pumpkin seeds		
□ Flaxseed	□ Sesame oil		
□ Green olives	□ Sunflower	_	
☐ Hazelnuts	kernels	□	
☐ Macadamia nuts	□ Walnuts		
NATIIDAI	SWEETNEDS		
NATURAL SWEETNERS		Resour	res

□ Agave/agave □ Cane juice nectar □ Honey □ Maple syrup □ Blackstrap molasses □ Sucanat



United States Department of Agriculture: Eat Right When Money Is Tight

http://bit.ly/2tR87n2

Share Our Strength: Meeting your MyPlate Goals on a Budget

http://bit.ly/2ujB0ut

United States Department of Agriculture: Build a Healthy Diet with Smart Shopping http://bit.ly/2tjz1lu

