Community Nutrition Education

In Your Hands

EFNEP
Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

Shop with a List

Having a plan for the grocery store is the best way to save time and money. Shopping with a list and sticking to it can save you 20% on your overall grocery bill. That's $20 saved for every $100 spent!

Check out these tips to help you get the most for your money:

1 Make a budget
Decide how much money you can spend at the store each week. Next, plan your family's menu. Don't forget about any non-food items you may need.

2 Use a shopping checklist
Lists (like the one of the back) are a great tool to help plan your trip to the store. Write how much you need on the line next to the item. Check the item off once you put it in your cart.

3 Shop alone when possible
Family members may suggest buying items that aren't in the budget or healthy meal plan. And don't shop hungry!

4 Plan two-stop shopping
Many non-food items, such as pet products, paper goods, and household cleaners, are often less expensive at discount stores.

5 Be flexible with your list
You may find fresh, local, seasonal and sale items that would work just as well into your menu as those you were planning to buy.

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Fresh Produce
- ☐ _____ Apples
- ☐ _____ Asparagus
- ☐ _____ Avocados
- ☐ _____ Bananas
- ☐ _____ Bell Peppers
- ☐ _____ Blueberries
- ☐ _____ Broccoli
- ☐ _____ Cabbage
- ☐ _____ Cantaloupe
- ☐ _____ Carrots
- ☐ _____ Cauliflower
- ☐ _____ Celery
- ☐ _____ Cucumbers
- ☐ _____ Eggplant
- ☐ _____ Fresh Herbs
- ☐ _____ Grapefruit
- ☐ _____ Grapes
- ☐ _____ Honeydew
- ☐ _____ Kiwi
- ☐ _____ Lettuce
- ☐ _____ (Other Greens)
- ☐ _____ Lemons/Limes
- ☐ _____ Mushrooms
- ☐ _____ Nectarines
- ☐ _____ Onion
- ☐ _____ Oranges
- ☐ _____ Parsnips
- ☐ _____ Peaches
- ☐ _____ Pears
- ☐ _____ Plums
- ☐ _____ Potatoes
- ☐ _____ Raspberries
- ☐ _____ Spinach
- ☐ _____ Strawberries
- ☐ _____ Sweet Potatoes
- ☐ _____ Squash
- ☐ _____ Tofu
- ☐ _____ Tomatoes
- ☐ _____ Zucchini
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Deli
- ☐ _____ Cheeses
- ☐ _____ Deli Salads
- ☐ _____ Sandwich Meats
- ☐ _____ Rotisserie Chicken
- ☐ _____ _____

Breads (100% whole grain)
- ☐ _____ Bagels
- ☐ _____ Buns/Rolls
- ☐ _____ English Muffins
- ☐ _____ Pitas
- ☐ _____ Sliced Bread
- ☐ _____ Tortillas
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Dairy (choose low-fat)
- ☐ _____ Butter/Margarine
- ☐ _____ Cheese
- ☐ _____ Cottage Cheese
- ☐ _____ Cream Cheese
- ☐ _____ Eggs
- ☐ _____ Milk
- ☐ _____ Orange Juice
- ☐ _____ Sour Cream
- ☐ _____ Yogurt
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Meat (choose lean meats)
- ☐ _____ Beef Roast
- ☐ _____ Chicken
- ☐ _____ Ground Beef
- ☐ _____ Ground Turkey
- ☐ _____ Ham
- ☐ _____ Pork Chops
- ☐ _____ Pork Roast
- ☐ _____ Sausage
- ☐ _____ Steak
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Seafood (twice a week)
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Frozen Foods
- ☐ _____ Chicken
- ☐ _____ Fish Sticks
- ☐ _____ Fruits
- ☐ _____ Ice Cream
- ☐ _____ Pizza
- ☐ _____ Vegetables
- ☐ _____ Waffles
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Condiments
- ☐ _____ BBQ Sauce
- ☐ _____ Jelly/Jam
- ☐ _____ Ketchup
- ☐ _____ Mustard
- ☐ _____ Mayonnaise
- ☐ _____ Peanut Butter
- ☐ _____ Pickles/Relish
- ☐ _____ Salad Dressing
- ☐ _____ Salsa
- ☐ _____ Spices
- ☐ _____ Steak Sauce
- ☐ _____ Soy Sauce (low sodium)
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Grains/Pasta/Dried Beans
- ☐ _____ Dried Beans
- ☐ _____ Lasagna Noodles
- ☐ _____ Macaroni Noodles
- ☐ _____ Quinoa
- ☐ _____ Rice
- ☐ _____ Spaghetti
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Cereals (whole grain)
- ☐ _____ Cereal
- ☐ _____ Granola
- ☐ _____ Cereal/Granola Bars
- ☐ _____ Oatmeal
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Baking Needs
- ☐ _____ Nuts
- ☐ _____ Baking Powder
- ☐ _____ Baking Soda
- ☐ _____ Cooking Oil
- ☐ _____ Chocolate Chips
- ☐ _____ Coconut
- ☐ _____ Flour (whole wheat)
- ☐ _____ Sugar
- ☐ _____ Syrup
- ☐ _____ Vanilla Extract
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Can/Jar (no added salt/sugar)
- ☐ _____ Applesauce
- ☐ _____ Baked Beans
- ☐ _____ Beans (black, kidney)
- ☐ _____ Corn
- ☐ _____ Carrots
- ☐ _____ Fruit Cocktail
- ☐ _____ Green Beans
- ☐ _____ Mandarin Oranges
- ☐ _____ Pasta Sauce
- ☐ _____ Pears
- ☐ _____ Peas
- ☐ _____ Pineapple
- ☐ _____ Raisins
- ☐ _____ Soup
- ☐ _____ Tomato Sauce
- ☐ _____ Tuna (water packed)
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Snack Foods (limit these)
- ☐ _____ Popcorn
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Beverages
- ☐ _____ 100% Juice
- ☐ _____ Coffee
- ☐ _____ Tea
- ☐ _____ Vegetable Juice (low sodium)
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Pet Supplies
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Cleaning Supplies
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Health & Beauty
- ☐ _____ _____
- ☐ _____ _____

Other
- ☐ _____ _____
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