

Total healthy on a budget



Helpful information from your Stop & Shop registered dietitians



Before you shop

Take a pantry/fridge inventory

- Decide what can be used as a meal or part of a meal.
- Throw away expired products.
- Clean and arrange the shelves.

Plan your meals

- How many meals or snacks will you eat at home?
- When do you need quick meals?
- What do you need to make complete meals from your inventory?
- Make a list of recipes to use throughout the week.
 Find healthy recipes in our Savory magazine (free instore and at savoryonline.com). You can even search recipes by ingredients you have on hand.
- Then, create a grocery list. Organize it by section of the store to help you shop more quickly.

Stock the staples

Keep these on hand for fast and inexpensive meals:

- Peanut butter
- Brown rice
- Canned/dried beans
- Pasta
- Oatmeal

Barley

Sauces

- Vegetables
- Canned tuna and salmon
- Low-sodium canned tomatoes
- No-sugar-added canned fruits
- Frozen fruits and vegetables

Invest in flavors

Start with:

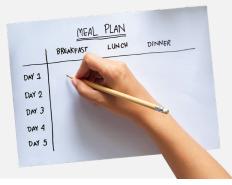
- Black pepper
- Oregano
- Rosemary
- Thyme
- Bay leaves
- Garlic powder
- Onion powder
- Cayenne
- Vanilla extract
- Cinnamon
- Some spices can be purchased in small packages, which is a great way to decide if you like them before buying whole bottles.
- When possible, choose low-sodium soy sauce, bouillon and broths.

Check for savings

- Don't forget to collect any coupons you may be able to use on your shopping trips.
- Add digital coupons to your GO Rewards loyalty card in the Stop & Shop app or at

stopandshop.com.

 Check for sales in our weekly sales flyer online or in-store.



While you shop

Stick to your list

- Stick to your list! Before adding an item to your cart, ask yourself how you plan to use that item in your weekly meals.
- Buy store-brand products—they offer the same quality as national brands at lower prices!
- Compare unit prices. The unit price will tell you how much an item costs per pound, ounce, quart, etc. It can be very useful when comparing two items.
- Use Guiding Stars, a nutrition guidance program to help you quickly find foods with the most nutritional value. Just look for the stars throughout the store.



Picking produce

- Buy produce when it's in season—you will have the freshest product at an affordable price.
- Choose frozen or canned produce for longer shelf life if you can't get to the store frequently.

Choosing protein

- Buy in bulk—look for value packs of chicken, turkey or meat when possible and freeze the extras for later.
- Use less expensive cuts of red meat, such as chuck, skirt or brisket for casseroles or slow-cook meals.

Try replacing poultry or meat with inexpensive and nutritious canned or dried beans.



Go 1/2 meat and 1/2 beans to start







After you shop

- Place fruits and vegetables up high in your refrigerator where you can see them.
- Prevent waste by using your fresh produce at the beginning of the week and frozen, canned and packaged options toward the end.
- Make use of all edible parts instead of throwing them away. Chop broccoli and cauliflower stems into matchsticks, leave skin on root veggies and save scraps to make homemade broth.
- Keep dairy products in colder sections of the refrigerator and place condiments in the door.
- Place meats and eggs in the lower portion of your refrigerator.

- If you buy meat or poultry in bulk, freeze what you won't use this week.
- Double recipes and enjoy leftovers or freeze them for a quick and easy meal for another day.
- Keep portion sizes in check! Are they too big?
 Consider reducing.
- Choose water instead of juices or sodas. It will save you money and calories!

Use clear storage containers to easily see what you've got

