



# Fruits and Vegetables

### Fresh

Choose any brand or any variety, including:

- Organic
- Sold by piece, pound, or package
- Salad or mixed greens in a bag

Do not buy: salad bar, salad kits, party trays, herbs or spices, dried fruit, or store-cut fruit and vegetables

## Frozen

Choose any brand or any variety, including:

- Organic
- Mixed vegetables

Do not buy products with: added fats, oil, butter, cheese, or other sauces

## Canned

Choose any brand or any variety, including:

- Organic
- Low salt and low sodium

Do not buy: light or heavy syrup; pie filling; cranberry sauce; soups; relishes; olives; pickles; glass jars; added fats, oil, or butter





## **Fruit and Vegetable Benefits**

- The fruit and vegetable benefits will have a maximum dollar amount shown on your WIC Family Benefit List.
- If your fruits and vegetables purchase costs more than the maximum dollar amount, you have the option to pay the difference with cash, EBT, SNAP, or another form of payment accepted by the store.
- If your fruits and vegetables purchase costs less than the maximum dollar amount, your balance will remain on your eWIC card. Know your benefit balance before you shop.



RECIPE

## Corn and Black Bean Burritos

#### INGREDIENTS

¼ cup sliced scallions
¼ cup diced celery
1¼ cup frozen corn
½ ripe avocado, peeled and diced
2 Tbsp fresh cilantro, chopped
1 can (15½ oz) black beans, drained and rinsed
¼ cup reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese
¼ cup salsa
12 - whole-wheat tortillas

#### **DIRECTIONS: PREHEAT OVEN TO 350°**

- Combine scallions, celery, and corn in a small saucepan with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 5 minutes, until vegetables soften. Drain, set aside to cool.
- 2. Combine avocado, cilantro, and beans in a large mixing bowl. Add cheese and salsa, and mix.
- 3. Add cooled vegetables to avocado mixture.
- 4. Warm each tortilla in a skillet about 15 seconds on each side. Place them on a flat surface and spoon 1/3 cup of the mixture into the center of the tortilla. Fold the sides over the filling to make a closed packet.
- 5. Heat in oven for 5 minutes until warm and cheese is melted.

### **Fruits and Vegetables**



# 100% Juice

Do not buy: fruit drink, organic, added fiber, refrigerated cartons, or added calcium (unless shown on your WIC Family Benefit List)

#### Frozen concentrate: 11.5-12 oz



| • Apple<br>• Grape       |   |
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| • Apple<br>• Grape       | •   |
| • Grape<br>• White grape |   |
| • Apple<br>• Grape       | •   |
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## Liquid concentrate: 11.5-12 oz



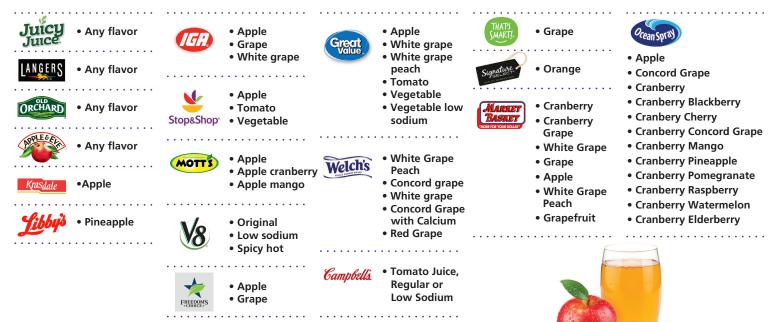
• Any flavor

# Orange, grapefruit, or pineapple juice: 11.5-12 oz

100% juice, any brand, frozen concentrate



## Shelf-stable bottle: 64 oz





# Protein

# Canned or dried beans, peas, or lentils: 1 lb bag or 15-16 oz can

- Low salt and low sodium are allowed
- 1 legume container is equal to: 1 lb bag dry beans OR
- 4 cans of beans OR
- 1 jar of peanut butter

Do not buy: refried beans or added seasonings



# **Infant Foods**

## **Formulas**

Buy the formula shown on your WIC Family Benefit List.

## Infant meats: Stage 1, 2.5 oz

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For fully breastfed infants only



Beef and beef broth
Chicken and chicken broth
Turkey and turkey broth



- Beef and gravy
- Chicken and gravy
- Turkey and gravy
- Gerber Ham and gravy

## Tofu: 16 oz









Buy tofu only if shown on your WIC Family Benefit List.

Do not buy: gourmet or imported

## Peanut butter: 16 oz

Choose any texture, low salt and low sodium allowed. Do not buy: added flavors



## **Canned fish**

Do not buy: Organic

#### Tuna fish: 5 oz

• In water or oil, chunk light only

#### Salmon: 5-15 oz

- Pink only
- Sardines: 3.75 oz

## Added sauces or flavorings are allowed

#### Eggs

- Brown or white
- Grade A large
- Do not buy: half dozens or organic

## Infant cereals: 8 oz or 16 oz

Do not buy: added fruit, DHA, ARA or probiotic

## Beech-Nut

- Oatmeal
- Golden Corn (Coming in Fall 2022)





- Multi-grain
- Oatmeal
- Rice
- Whole wheat

## **Fruits and Vegetables**



Stage 1 and 2: 4 oz



2 Pack, 4 oz each



### **Protein and Infant Foods**



Corn Flakes

Creamv Wheat

Instant Cream of Wheat

# **Breakfast Cereals**

## All available packages 12-36 oz

Whole grain cereals (WG) are rich in nutrients, including protein, fiber, B vitamins, antioxidants, and trace minerals.

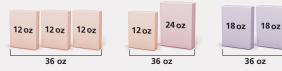


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Crispy Rice

## Cereal size guide: 12-36 oz

Choose a 12 oz box or larger. Here are ways to buy 36 oz of cereal:



36 oz

### Breakfast Cereals



## Dairy Milk

#### Buy size and type as shown on your WIC Family Benefit List.

Powdered milk

Goat milk

Kosher milk

Evaporated milk

- Whole milk
- 1% milk
- Fat-free or
- non-fat milk

Lactose-free milk

Do not buy: 2%, buttermilk, organic, flavored milk, or unpasteurized milk



RECIPE

## **Fruit Parfait**

This guick and easy recipe is so delicious! Using only WIC-approved foods, this parfait is a favorite among kids and adults.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup yogurt, vanilla
- 1 cup blueberries or strawberries (or any fruit, fresh or frozen)
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup your favorite crunchy WIC cereal

#### DIRECTIONS

Spoon yogurt into glass, then top with fruit and cereal. To make it fancy layer the yogurt, fruit and cereal using half of the amounts and repeat.

## Soy milk

Buy these only if shown on your WIC Family Benefit List.



Pacific Foods Ultra Soy, 32 oz Plain

8th Continent, 64 oz • Plain and vanilla



Silk. 64 oz and 32 oz Plain

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## Cheese: 16 oz

Choose any brand

 Pre-packaged regular, low fat, low sodium or kosher

- Sliced, shredded, and/or block
- American, cheddar, colby, monterey jack, mozzarella, muenster, swiss, and provolone

Do not buy: deli cheese, individually wrapped slices, blends, organic, gourmet, or imported



## Yogurt: 32 oz container only

Whole milk, 1%, fat-free or non-fat, or kosher Do not buy: Organic or Greek Yogurt

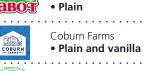


Axelrod Plain and vanilla



Best Yet Plain and vanilla





- Food Club
  - Plain and vanilla



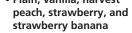
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Market Basket • Plain, vanilla, strawberry, and peach



Great Value • Plain, vanilla, and strawberrv

- La Yogurt La Yogurt
- Plain, vanilla, and banana . . . . . . . Lucerne Lucerne<sup>-</sup> • Plain, vanilla, and strawberry Bowl & Basket bowl& • Plain, vanilla, and strawberry basket. Stop & Shop Plain and vanilla Stop&Shop Yoplait **Yoplait** • Plain, vanilla, harvest





# Whole Grains

## Bread: 16 oz

Sliced loaves or rolls. Do not buy: organic







## Pasta: 16 oz

Bag or box, must be whole wheat or whole grain (WG). Buy any type from these brands:

| Barilla                | Barilla <b>(WG)</b>                 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Great<br>Value.        | Great Value <b>(WG)</b>             |
| Nature's               | Nature's Promise <b>(WG)</b>        |
| Healthy Harvest        | Ronzoni Healthy Harvest <b>(WG)</b> |
| Signature<br>Signature | Signature Select (WG)               |
| bowl&<br>basket        | Bowl and Basket <b>(WG)</b>         |



# **Tomato and Parmesan Rice**

## INGREDIENTS

1 cup brown rice 1 can (14 oz) diced tomatoes 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese 1/4 cup chopped basil (optional)

#### DIRECTIONS

1. In large skillet combine 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups water, rice, and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon salt, and bring to boil.

2. After boiling, stir once, reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until water is absorbed - about 30 minutes.

3. Add the tomatoes and cheese to the rice.

4. Remove from heat, cover, and let stand for 5 minutes.

5. Fold in the basil before serving.

## Brown rice: 14-16 oz

Box, bag, instant, and boil-in-bag.

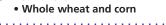
## Tortillas and wraps: 16 oz

#### Do not buy: organic



Whole wheat

## Don Pancho





Signature Select Whole wheat

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Food Club Whole wheat and corn



La Banderita

Whole wheat and corn

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- Chi-Chi's Whole wheat and corn
- Ortega Whole wheat



Stop & Shop



 Whole wheat and corn . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Market Basket Whole wheat and corn

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

## Does this guide show all the foods I am allowed to buy with WIC benefits?

No. The guide has a list of WIC-approved items. You may not qualify to buy all foods in the guide, because your benefits are based on your nutrition needs.

Example: Whole milk is on the list, but if you have a child age two or older you can only buy 1%, fat-free or non-fat milk for that child.

#### How do I use my eWIC card?

- Before scanning any of your foods, tell the cashier you are using an eWIC card.
- Give any coupons for your purchase to the cashier.
- Swipe your eWIC card through the card reader or hand your eWIC card to the cashier and enter your PIN (personal identification number).
- Be sure to swipe your eWIC card first, before any other forms of payment. You can pay any remaining balance with cash, EBT, SNAP, or other form of payment the store accepts.
- The cashier will give you a receipt. It shows your remaining benefit balance and the date benefits expire. Save your receipt.

# Do I have to buy every item on my shopping list at one time?

You do not have to buy all your foods at one time. Buy what you need. When you buy foods, they are subtracted from your eWIC card balance.

#### When will my WIC benefits be available?

You can use them as soon as they are loaded on to your eWIC card. They are loaded onto your eWIC card on the First Date to Spend (FDTS). They expire at midnight on the Last Day to Spend (LDTS).

#### Can I use my eWIC card at any checkout lane?

It depends. Some stores have special checkout lanes for eWIC purchases. If you aren't sure which lanes accept eWIC cards, ask the store customer service.

## Do I have to separate WIC foods from other foods I'm buying?

No, but it is a good idea. You may also want to present any coupons first, so the cashier knows how to ring up your purchase.



# What happens if I don't buy all of my WIC foods this month? Will the benefits roll over to the next month?

Any benefits that are not used will expire on the Last Day to Spend (LDTS). They do not roll over and cannot be used later.

#### How do I check my benefit balance?

There are different ways to check your balance:

- Check your last store receipt
- Ask a store cashier or customer service desk to check your balance
- Call the customer service number or log in to the website listed on the back of your eWIC card

#### Can I change the foods listed on my shopping list?

You cannot make food changes at the store. WIC foods cannot be exchanged for other items. WIC foods cannot be returned to the store for cash or credit. If you have questions about your WIC Family Benefit List, contact your local WIC office.

# What if I run out of food after I have used all of my WIC benefits?

The WIC foods you get are not meant to meet all of your nutrition

needs. You will need to buy other foods on your own, including infant formula. Your local WIC office can help you find food assistance programs.

### Why did the cashier tell me that the item I am trying to buy is not allowed using my eWIC card?

If a food is not allowed as an eWIC purchase, it might be because:

- You do not have enough benefits left
- It is not on your WIC Family Benefit List
- It is not a Rhode Island WIC-eligible food

If this happens, keep your receipt. Take a photo of the food and barcode or use the WICShopper app to send information to the State WIC Office.

#### What should I do if I have problems at the grocery store?

If you have a problem at the grocery store, ask to talk with the store manager. If the problem cannot be solved at the store, call your local WIC office. Tell them about your concerns.

The WIC office may ask for:

- Store name and location
- Date, time, and details of the incident
- Food item description
- Copy of store receipt

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

## Reminders

#### When paying for your purchases, use your eWIC card first.

## Does this food quide list all foods approved by WIC?

This food guide does not list all WIC-approved foods.

- To identify WIC-approved foods, some stores use "Rhode Island WIC approved" shelf tags.
- To make sure an item is WIC approved, go to the WICShopper app and use Scan barcode.

#### Where can I use my eWIC card?

You can use your eWIC card only at authorized vendors in Rhode Island. For an updated list of State-authorized vendors:

- Ask your local WIC agency staff
- Visit www.health.ri.gov/wic
- Go to the WICShopper app and select WIC stores

### What should I do with my eWIC card after I use all my benefits for the month?

Keep your eWIC card. You will use the same eWIC card every month for your WIC benefits. Keep your card safe. Keep the black strip clean and free from scratches. Keep the card away from cell phones, magnets, and hot places like car dashboards so it doesn't stop working.

## For more answers, see the Frequently Asked Questions section.









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