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# Basic Healthy Pantry List

Navigating the grocery aisles can be overwhleming. This guide can be used to help you quickly and easily find the foods to live a Montana Mediterranean lifestyle.



### Vegetables

Veggies are important for weight control and good health. Fresh, frozen or canned are all good choices.

- Beets
- Asparagus
- · Bell Pepper
- · Broccoli
- · Cabbage
- · Cauliflower
- · Eggplant
- · Green beans
- Garlic
- · Leafy greens
- Leeks
- Mushrooms
- Olives
- Onions
- Peas
- Potatoes
- · Sweet potatoes/yams
- Squash
- · Tomatoes (fresh, canned, sauce)



#### **Proteins**

- · Lean beef
- · Lean pork
- · Skinless poultry
- · Salmon
- · Local caught fish
- · Tilapia
- Fresh tuna
- Halibut
- · Canned tuna
- · Canned salmon
- · Canned chicken

#### **Fruits**

Fruits are important for weight control and good health. Fresh, frozen, dried or canned are all good choices.

- Apples
- Apricots
- Avocados
- Bananas
- · Berries
- Cherries
- · Dried fruit (figs, dates, raisins, plums)
- Grapes
- · Lemons
- Limes
- Melons
- Oranges
- Tangerines
- Peaches
- Pears
- · Pineapple
- · Plums

### Beans/Legumes

Beans and lentils are a great way to add fiber and protein to your meals. Eat them in place of meat at least once a week. If using canned, rinse and drain to remove some of the sodium.

- · Black beans
- · Chickpeas (garbanzo)
- · Hummus
- Lentils, all kinds
- · Pinto beans
- · Kidney beans
- · White beans (northern, cannellini)

(more valuable information on reverse)



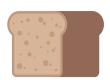




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# **Herbs and Spices -Condiments**

Herbs and spices add wonderful flavor without extra fat or salt. Choose condiments with less sodium.

- · Basil
- Bay leaves
- · Chilies
- · Cilantro
- Cumin
- Mint
- Parsley
- · Cinnamon
- · Rosemary
- · Sage
- · Onion powder
- · Garlic powder
- Tarragon
- · Thyme
- Oregano
- Pepper
- · Chili powder
- · Assorted vinegars
- · Dijon mustard

### **Healthy Oils and Fats**

Store oil in cool, dark place to preserve their nutrients. (Liquid room temperature.)

- · Extra virgin olive oil
- · Avocado oil
- · Canola oil
- · Grape see oil

## Grains

Choose mostly whole grain products. Look for the word "whole" as the first ingredient, e.g. whole wheat.

- Barley
- Bread
- · Bulgur
- Oatmeal
- · Pasta
- · Polenta (cornmeal)
- · Quinoa
- · Brown or wild rice

## Dairy / Eggs

- · Cheese natural
- · Low or nonfat milk
- · Plain yogurt
- · Plain greek yogurt
- · Eggs
- · Cottage cheese (low fat)
- · Ricotta cheese

### **Nuts and Seeds**

Both are good sources of protein, fiber and healthy fats. Limit to one handful per day as they are high in calories.

- · Almonds
- Cashews
- · Chia seeds
- · Ground flax
- · Pine nuts
- · Pumpkin seeds
- · Sunflower seeds
- Walnuts
- Nut butters