## FOOD BAG GUIDE



MyPlate A guide to create a pantry bag that follows the MyPlate nutrition recommendations. These are suggestions for about $\mathbf{9}$ meals or $\mathbf{3}$ days of food. The guide isn't intended to be followed exactly, as some pantries may not have the ability to supply every item and some may be able to supply more. Be as generous as pantry inventory allowsespecially with fruits and vegetables!

## Household Size

|  | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VEGETABLES * Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 3-6 | 9-12 | 15-18 | 21-24 |
| FRUIT * <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 2-5 | 6-7 | 15-18 | 21-24 |
| Meat PROTEIN ** Chicken, Turkey, Fish, Beef, Pork | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 |
| And/Or | Or | Or | Or | Or |
| Non-meat PROTEIN ** Beans, Peanut Butter, Tofu | 4-6 | 10-12 | 16-18 | 22-24 |
| GRAINS*** <br> Rice, Noodles, Bread, Tortillas, Cereal | 2-3 | 5-6 | 8-9 | 11-12 |
| DAIRY**** <br> Yogurt, Cheese, Fresh Milk, Shelf Stable Milk | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 5 |
| MEAL, SOUP, ENTREE'S Stew, Chili, Macaroni \& Cheese, Spaghetti, Soup | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 |
| PANTRY STAPLES <br> Flour, Sauces, Condiments, Seasonings, foods like Shake N Bake | 1-2 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 3-4 |
| SNACKS + <br> Chips, Crackers, Popcorn, Sweets | 1-2 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 3-4 |

## Equivalents

| $* \mathbf{1}$ Vegetable or Fruit: | $* * \mathbf{1}$ Protein | $* * * \mathbf{1}$ Grain | $* * * * \mathbf{1}$ Dairy |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fresh = 4 pieces, 1 | 1 lb of meat | 1 pound of pasta | 1 gallon |
| pound, or 1 head/ | $1-$ dozen eggs | 1 pound of rice | 11 cans of evaporated |
| bunch Canned $=1-15$ | $1-15$ oz can beans | 1 loaf of bread | 11 milk |
| oz can Frozen $=1-16$ | $1 / 2$ bag of dry | $12-16$ oz of | cereal |
| oz bag | 1 container tofu | 12 small tortillas | $2-1 / 2$ gallons |
|  |  |  | $1 / 2$ bag of dry milk |

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|  | Household Size |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 |
| VEGETABLES Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 2-3 | 5-6 | 8-9 | 11-12 |
| FRUIT <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 1-2 | 3 | 4-5 | 6 |
| Meat PROTEIN <br> Chicken, Turkey, Fish, Beef, Pork | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| And/Or | Or | Or | Or | Or |
| Non-meat PROTEIN Beans, Peanut Butter, Tofu | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| GRAINS*** <br> Rice, Noodles, Bread, Tortillas, Cereal, | 1 | 2 | 2-3 | 3 |
| DAIRY <br> Yogurt, Cheese, Fresh Milk, Shelf Stable Milk | 1 | 1 | 1-2 | 2 |
| MEAL, SOUP, ENTREE'S Stew, Chili, Macaroni \& Cheese, Spaghetti, Soup | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| PANTRY STAPLES <br> Flour, Sauces, Condiments, Seasonings, foods like Shake N Bake | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| SNACKS + <br> Chips, Crackers, Popcorn, Sweets | 1-2 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 2-3 |

Equivalents

| *1 Vegetable or Fruit: | **1 Protein | ***1 Grain | ****1 Dairy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fresh = } 4 \text { pieces, } 1 \\ & \text { pound, or } 1 \text { head/ } \\ & \text { bunch Canned = 1-15 } \\ & \text { oz can Frozen = 1-16 } \\ & \text { oz bag } \end{aligned}$ | 1 lb of meat 1-dozen eggs 1-15 oz can beans $1 / 2$ bag of dry beans 1 container tofu | 1 pound of pasta <br> 1 pound of rice 1 loaf of bread $12-16$ oz of cereal 12 small tortillas | 1 gallon <br> 11 cans of evaporated milk, 2-1/2 gallons $1 / 2$ bag of dry milk |

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|  | 1-2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| VEGETABLES <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 3-6 |
| FRUIT <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 2-5 |
| Meat PROTEIN Chicken, Turkey, Fish, Beef, Pork Or <br> Non-meat PROTEIN Beans, Peanut Butter, Tofu | $\begin{gathered} 1-2 \\ \text { Or } \\ 4-6 \end{gathered}$ |
| GRAINS <br> Rice, Noodles, Bread, Tortillas, Cereal | 2-3 |
| DAIRY <br> Yogurt, Cheese, Fresh Milk, Shelf Stable | 1-2 |
| MEAL, SOUP, ENTREE'S Stew, Chili, Macaroni \& Cheese, Spaghetti, Soup | 1-2 |
| PANTRY STAPLES <br> Flour, Sauces, Condiments, Seasonings, foods like Shake N Bake | 1-2 |
| SNACKS <br> Chips, Crackers, Popcorn, Sweets | 1-2 |


|  | 3-4 |
| :---: | :---: |
| VEGETABLES <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 9-12 |
| FRUIT <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 6-7 |
| Meat PROTEIN Chicken, Turkey, Fish, Beef, Pork Or <br> Non-meat PROTEIN Beans, Peanut Butter, Tofu | $\begin{gathered} 3-4 \\ \text { or } \\ 10-12 \end{gathered}$ |
| GRAINS <br> Rice, Noodles, Bread, Tortillas, Cereal | 5-6 |
| DAIRY <br> Yogurt, Cheese, Fresh Milk, Shelf Stable Milk | 2-3 |
| MEAL, SOUP, ENTREE'S Stew, Chili, Macaroni \& Cheese, Spaghetti, Soup | 3-4 |
| PANTRY STAPLES <br> Flour, Sauces, Condiments, Seasonings, foods like Shake N Bake | 1-2 |
| SNACKS <br> Chips, Crackers, Popcorn, Sweets | 1-2 |

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|  | 5-6 |
| :---: | :---: |
| VEGETABLES <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 15-18 |
| FRUIT <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | 15-18 |
| Meat PROTEIN Chicken, Turkey, Fish, Beef, Pork Or <br> Non-meat PROTEIN Beans, Peanut Butter, Tofu | $\begin{gathered} 5-6 \\ \text { Or } \\ 16-18 \end{gathered}$ |
| GRAINS <br> Rice, Noodles, Bread, Tortillas, Cereal | 8-9 |
| DAIRY <br> Yogurt, Cheese, Fresh Milk, Shelf Stable <br> Milk | 3-4 |
| MEAL, SOUP, ENTREE'S Stew, Chili, Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti, Soup | 5-6 |
| PANTRY STAPLES <br> Flour, Sauces, Condiments, Seasonings, foods like Shake N Bake | 3-4 |
| SNACKS <br> Chips, Crackers, Popcorn, Sweets | 3-4 |

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|  | $7-8$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| VEGETABLES <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | $21-24$ |
| FRUIT <br> Fresh/ Frozen/ Canned | $21-24$ |
| Meat PROTEIN <br> Chicken, Turkey, Fish, Beef, Pork <br> Or | $7-8$ |
| Non-meat PROTEIN <br> Beans, Peanut Butter, Tofu | $22-24$ |
| GRAINS <br> Rice, Noodles, Bread, Tortillas, Cereal | $11-12$ |
| DAIRY <br> Yogurt, Cheese, Fresh Milk, Shelf Stable <br> Milk | 5 |
| MEAL, SOUP, ENTREE'S <br> Stew, Chili, Macaroni and Cheese, <br> Spaghetti, Soup | $7-8$ |
| PANTRY STAPLES |  |
| Flour, Sauces, Condiments, Seasonings, <br> foods like Shake N Bake | $3-4$ |
| SNACKS <br> Chips, Crackers, Popcorn, Sweets | $3-4$ |


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