

# A BETTER ME

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHECKLIST Date



### **Healthy Food Shopping**

Smart Food shopping ensures you stock up on nutritious ingredients while staying within budget. Use this checklist for healthier and more efficient shopping trips.

### **Plan Your Meals**

- O Create a weekly meal plan to guide your shopping list.
- O Example: Include breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks.

### Write a Detailed List

- O Categorise items by sections like produce, dairy, pantry, and frozen.
- O Tip: Stick to the list to avoid impulse buys.

### **Shop the Perimeter**

- O Focus on fresh, whole foods found around the shop's edges.
- O Example: Vegetables, fruits, meats, and dairy.

### **Check Nutrition Labels**

- O Look for minimal ingredients and low added sugar or sodium.
- O Example: Choose whole-grain bread with no more than 5 ingredients.

### **Buy Seasonal Produce**

- **O** Select fruits and vegetables that are in season for better flavour and price.
- O Example: Watermelon in summer or squash in fall.

### **Opt for Lean Proteins**

O Include fish, chicken, turkey, or plant-based protein like beans and tofu.





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### **Choose Whole Grains**

- **O** Replace refined grains with whole-grain options.
- O Example: Brown rice, quinoa, or whole-grain pasta.

### **Limit Processed Foods**

- O Avoid highly processed snacks and meals.
- O Tip: Choose nuts, seeds, or plain popcorn for healthier snacks.

### Stock Up on Common Items

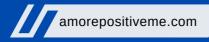
- O Keep basics like olive oil, spices, canned beans, and oats in your cart to simplify meal prep.
- O Tip: Rotate your pantry staples by checking expiration dates and replenishing as needed.

### **Avoid Shopping Hungry**

- O Eat a meal or snack before shopping to reduce impulse purchases and stay focused.
- Tip: Plan your shopping trip after meals to ensure you're less likely to overspend on unnecessary items.

### **Use Reusable Bags**

- O Bring eco-friendly bags for a sustainable shopping experience and to reduce plastic waste.
- O Tip: Keep reusable bags in your car or near your door to remember them for every trip.





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