



UPMC Health Coach Health Plan Series: Meal Planning and Food Prep



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Outline:

- Common Barriers to Cooking At Home
- Shopping in Your Pantry
- Seasonal Produce
- Meal Planning Based on Food Groups
- 4-3-2-2 Method
- Garden Veggie Bowl Food Demo
- Q & A







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Common Barriers to Cooking at Home

- No Time
- No Confidence
- Lack of Inspiration
- Different Schedules
- Various Food Preferences





Shop in Your Pantry

- Write out an inventory of what you have
 - Items that have expiration date, items that are "bottom of the barrel" and taking up space, canned and frozen items
- Dispose of ingredients that show signs of spoilage
- Keep a variety of frozen, canned, and fresh items on hand
 - Look for sale items in freezer/canned isles and shelf stable seasonal produce





Focus on Produce in Season

- Purchasing locally grown foods helps support local farms
- Foods that are grown and consumed during their appropriate seasons are more nutritionally dense
- Seasonal produce is typically more affordable due to lower transportation costs and higher yield
- Recommended Resource:
 <u>https://seasonalfoodguide.org/</u>

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Recipe Resources that Filter for Ingredients on Hand

Allrecipes Dinner Spinner — a free mobile phone app for both Android and iPhone that allows filtering ability as well as the ability to create custom collections to organize, store or share recipes

Fridgetotable.com — a website that allows you to select a main ingredient and add other popular ingredients according to what you have on hand

MyRecipes.com — offers the ability to search through the recipes in the Cooking Light magazine

Supercook — a website and app that allows you to add the main ingredient in the search area and then sort the results listed by the highest-rated recipes or the percentage of users who would make it again

Tasty.co — set filters for ingredients, mealtimes and dietary restrictions

Yummly.com — recipe recommendations personalized to your tastes, a digital recipe box, a shopping list, and an option for grocery delivery

Plan Meals Based on Food Groups

Food Groups:

- Protein
- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Grains/Starches
- Healthy Fat





The 4-3-2-2 Method

4-3-3-2 method is a **good starting point** when it comes to buying **perishable items**

- **4 types of vegetables** (such as a bag of leafy greens, a couple of sweet potatoes, a bundle of carrots, a head of cauliflower)
- 3 types fruit (such as apples, strawberries, and bananas)
- 3 types of protein (such as fish, eggs, and tofu)
- **2 types of dairy/dairy alternative** (such as Greek yogurt and soy milk)



Garden Veggie Bowl

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes Serves: 4 servings

Veggie Bowl Ingredients:

- 2 medium sweet potatoes
- 2 bell peppers, sliced
- 1 15 oz can chickpeas
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- ¹/₂ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¹/₂ teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup quinoa
- Salt and black pepper, to taste
- Zest of 1 lime

Garden Herb Sauce Ingredients:

- 1 bunch cilantro
- ¹/₂ bunch parsley
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 lime, juiced
- ¹/₄ cup olive oil
- ½ jalapeno (or more)
- 1 tablespoon ACV
- Pinch of salt





Thanks!

Any questions?

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