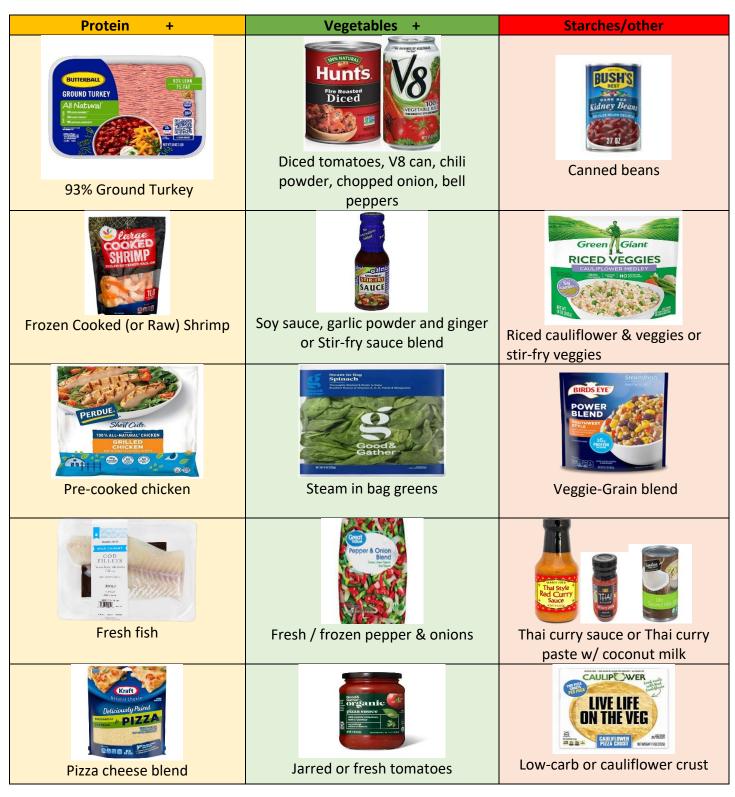
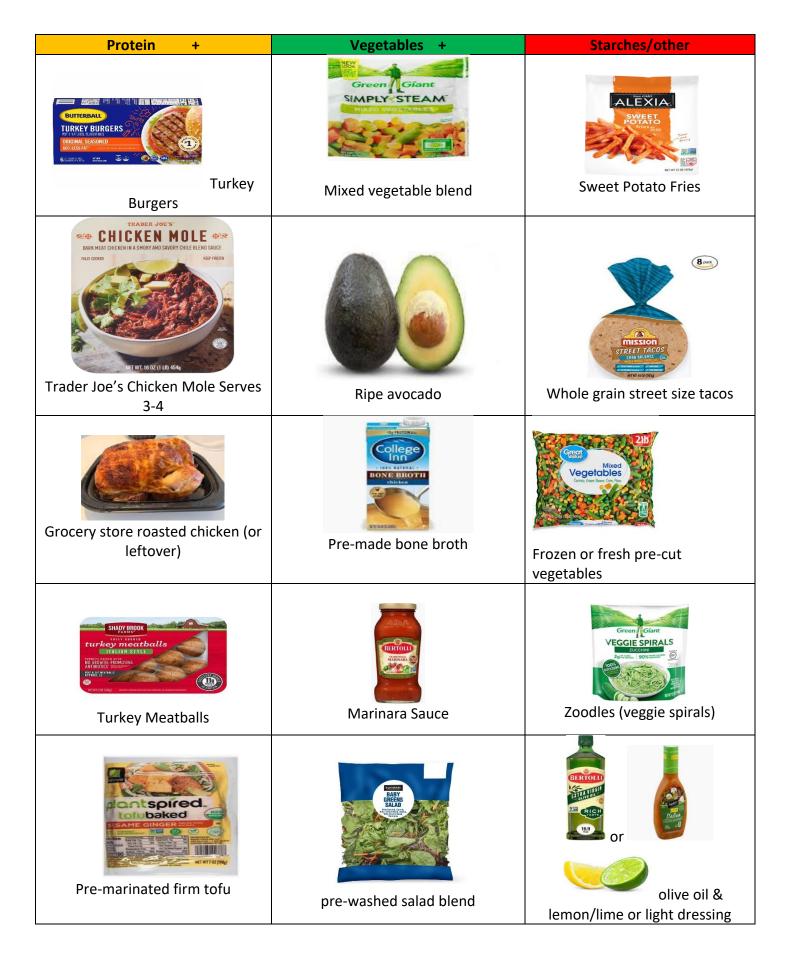
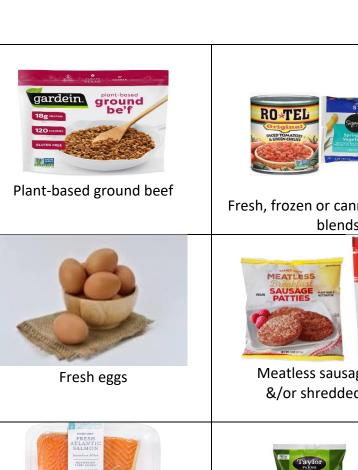
Convenience Foods to Make a Meal

Use this guide to put together quick, nutritious meals by using quick cook, pre-cooked for frozen meal components. Frozen, canned or pre-washed and cut vegetables are a great way to incorporate fiber and are just as nutritious as fresh, whole vegetables. If you cannot find the brands below, look for similar products by store-brands or others. Just remember to check the label and try to keep sodium and added sugar to a minimum! The healthiest options are minimally processed and are either fresh, canned or frozen without seasoning and additives.











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Frozen Fruit

Frozen fruit retains just as many vitamins and minerals as fresh fruit. If you want to preserve your some of your fresh fruit before it goes bad, wash & freeze for later use. How can you use frozen fruit?

1. Make a fruity protein shake

 Frozen fruit + protein powder + plain Greek yogurt or almond milk + water to blend

2. <u>Make Ice Cream in your blender or food</u> processor

- <u>Chocolate</u>: 2 frozen bananas + ½ avocado + 1 tbsp 100% cacao powder + ¼ tsp vanilla extract
 - Mint Chocolate Chip: Add mint leaves or peppermint extract + cacao nibs to chocolate recipe above
 - Chocolate Peanut Butter: Add 1
 tablespoon of peanut butter or 2
 tablespoons peanut butter powder to chocolate recipe above
 - Refreeze after blending to solidify the consistency. Need more protein? Add a scoop of protein powder

3. Add frozen fruit to oatmeal or yogurt

Frozen fruit melts right into warm oatmeal. Give frozen berries a stir in hot oatmeal for a colorful swirl. Add to yogurt and eat frozen as a cool treat or delay until later in day to eat defrosted.

Warm oatmeal + cinnamon + frozen berries

4. Enjoy as a snack

Frozen fruit makes a great snack that provides fiber, vitamins and minerals. Try freezing grapes and remember to pair with a protein.

- Frozen grapes + cheddar cheese
- Frozen pineapple + low fat cottage cheese
- Frozen mango + plain Greek yogurt

Healthy Frozen Meals

Planning healthy meals and snacks in advance is a great tactic to achieve success with weight management. Life is busy, so sometimes you need a meal that is quick and easy! This handout provides ideas for healthy, quick, and convenient meals; some you just warm in the microwave.

Frozen Meals

When choosing a frozen meal, check the nutrition label and make sure one serving size fits the following criteria:



Below are examples of frozen meals that meet the criteria in red/bold, on the left

Lean Cuisine



- Herb Roasted Chicken
- Chicken Teriyaki
- Marinara Chicken & Broccoli
- Chicken Fajita Quesadilla
- Southwest-Style Chicken Bowl

Healthy Choice: Simply Steamers



- Grilled Basil Chicken
- Grilled Chicken Marsala
- Southwest- Style Burrito Bowl
- Beef and Broccoli
- Meatball Marinara
- Chicken & Vegetable Stir Fry
- Beef Chimichurri

Healthy Choice: Power Bowls



- Cajun-Style Chicken & Sausage
- Greek-Style Chicken
- Spicy Black Bean & Chicken
- Green Goddess Bowl (vegetarian)
- Chicken Marinara
- Basil Pesto Chicken
- Adobo Chicken
- Korean-Inspired Beef
- Shiitake Chicken
- Chicken Feta & Farro

Healthy Choice: Zero



- Carne Asada
 - Sesame Chicken with Zoodles
 - Tomato Basil Chicken
 - Beef and Broccoli
 - Verde Chicken

Frozen Meals (Cont'd)



Healthy Choice Café Steamers



- Mexican-Style Street Corn
- Creamy Chicken and Mushroom
- Barbecue Seasoned Steak with Potatoes
- Chicken Alfredo

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- Rosemary Grilled Beef & Vegetables
- Roasted Turkey and Veggies
- Mexican-Style Chicken Bowl
- Lemon Garlic Chicken Fettuccine

Smart Ones



- Chicken Parmesan
- Homestyle Beef Pot Roast

Grainful (Gluten-Free)



- Unstuffed pepper
- Pork & Pineapple Al Pastor
- Mushroom & Chicken
- Ranchero Chicken