Healthy Grocery Shopping

Plan and prepare for the week

■ This discipline will help so you stay within your calorie and financial budget

Stay around the perimeter of the grocery store

■ The healthiest and least processed foods are located there, i.e. fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, meats and whole grain breads

Pick up seasonal and locally grown foods

Avoid processed foods

Processed foods are high in sugar, salt and fats and low in nutrition

Avoid bulk foods and "mega" stores

- If you must, pre-portion out the food so you don't over eat
- Don't confuse a good value and good for you

Shop with variety in mind so your taste buds do not get bored

Keep your pantry stocked with the staples

- This will help to make quick meals and healthy meals at home, rather than getting take-out
- Stock the pantry with spices and non-perishables

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