

Leaking Money Food Checklist

	Review your food expenses each month with the goal of
П	gradually reducing them. Plan meals for the week (around what is already in the house)
	Create a monthly budget to include going out to eat and/or delivery/take out.
	Reduce eating out, take out, and meal delivery (or eliminate except for special occasions/events)
	Shop with and stick to a list
	Location matters - many stores offer the same products but the prices vary.
	Create meal plans around advertised specials.
	Join loyalty programs with grocery stores that give discounts to their members.
	Reduce or eliminate purchasing pre-prepared meals at the
	grocery store
	Balance composition of grocery shopping between meat/dairy products and produce
	Use Leftovers: for lunch, in a new dish, or freeze
	Buy in bulk where appropriate (without waste); if buying in bulk is too much, find a buddy who will split it with you
	Purchase non-food items outside of grocery stores
	When tipping, tip on the food total vs the bill total
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