

Stretching Food Dollars



Many families are concerned about the rising costs of food and other essential services in their lives. More and more people are finding that at the end of the day there is not much money left for food. Please find the following tips and resources that will help you get more out of the money you do have left.

Plan meals and snacks for several days.

Check for food you have already and what you will need. (Also look for coupons and ads for local stores.)

Write a grocery list and sale prices next to items on your list.

At the Store stick to your list and compare prices.

At Home handle and store food properly to reduce waste.

Access is a quick and easy way for people in WI to determine what health & nutrition programs are available to them.

www.access.wisconsin.gov



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**Find resources to help
get the nutrition you
and your family need.**

Food & Nutrition Resources



If you are finding less money at the end of the pay check for food, you are not alone. The following programs may be able to help!

FoodShare Program

The FoodShare is a nutrition assistant program designed to help individuals and families buy nutritious foods when money is tight. Monthly benefit amounts are based on net income and household size. For more information and to apply, call: **888-627-0430**.

You can also go to access.wisconsin.gov to determine your eligibility.

Elderly Nutrition Programs

Senior dining meal sites and home delivered meals are provided to help older persons remain healthy, active and independent. For more information or current locations and mealtimes call **608-637-5201** or go to www.vernoncounty.org/UOA/index.htm



Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

WIC provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition and breastfeeding information, and referral to other health and nutrition services to pregnant women and infants and children under five years. For more information contact the Vernon County Health Department at **608-637-5260** or go to www.vernoncounty.org/PH/WIC/index.htm

Free/Reduced School Meals

Free and reduced priced breakfast and lunch programs are available at Vernon County Schools. Contact your child's school for income guidelines and an application.

FoodWise Program

FoodWise helps families improve their food security through education. Families of individuals who receive FoodShare (or who are eligible) can learn through nutrition education provided by FoodWise. For more information, contact the Vernon County UW-Extension Office at **608-637-5275**.



Emergency Food Resources / Food Pantries

Individuals with an emergency need may access food pantries once a month. Vernon County Food Pantry information is listed below.

Bethel Butikk

341 Black River Ave, Westby
608-634-3473

Free Methodist Church

214 South Cherry St., Lafarge
608-625-4197

The Good Samaritan

128 Mill St., Hillsboro
608-489-3627

Living Faith Church

852 N. Main St., Viroqua
608-637-7410

New Hope Food Pantry

E2290 State Hwy. 82, De Soto
608-734-3478

Stoddard Community Food Pantry

300 N. Main St., Stoddard
608-457-2700

Viola United Methodist Church

225 N. Washington St., Viola
608-627-1910

For pantry hours and more information go to www.vernon.uwex.edu/nutrition-education/food-resources/ or call **608-637-5275**.