Pantry Essentials Checklist

Having a well-stocked pantry and fridge is like money in the bank. With basic supplies on hand, you'll be equally prepared to put together a family-friendly meal or a last-minute dinner for friends. The trick is figuring out what to lay by and what you can live without.



Basics	
Kosher salt	Fine salt
Black peppercorns	Extra virgin olive oil
Vegetable oil	Apple cider vinegar
Red wine vinegar	Balsamic or sherry vinegar
Rice vinegar (unseasoned)	
Baking	
Flour: all purpose, whole wheat or pastry	Baking soda
Baking powder	Cream of tartar
Cocoa powder (unsweetened)	Chocolate: chips or bar
Evaporated milk	Pure vanilla extract
Sweeteners	
Granulated sugar	Confectioners' sugar
Brown sugar	Maple syrup

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Honey	Agave syrup
Drinks	
Coffee	Tea
Rice and Grains	
Long-grain white rice	Brown rice
Grains: bulgur, quinoa, couscous or farro	Pasta: standard, whole grain, rice noodles or egg noodles
Polenta	Breadcrumbs: plain or panko
Snacks and Cereals	
Crackers	Tortillas
Cookies or biscuits	Pretzels
Marshmallows	Popcorn kernels
Dried fruit: raisins, apricots or cherries	Seeds: sunflower, flax, chia or hemp
Peanut butter or almond butter	Applesauce
Breakfast cereal	Old-fashioned rolled oats
Canned Goods	
Chicken broth	Beans: cannellini, navy, chickpeas or black
Vegetables: hominy, corn or green beans	Olives or capers
Chiles: chipotles in adobo or pickled jalapenos	Salsa
Tomatoes	Tomato paste
Roasted red peppers	Tuna
Anchovy fillets or paste	
Dried Herbs and Spices	
Bay leaves	Cajun seasoning
Cayenne pepper	Chili powder
Crushed red pepper	Curry powder
Fennel or dill seed	Granulated garlic
Ground cinnamon	Ground cloves

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Ground cumin	Ground ginger
Oregano	Paprika: sweet and smoked
Rosemary	Sesame seeds
Thyme	whole nutm Make and Share Free Checklists
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