FRUITS & VEGETABLES
FOOD INSTRUMENT

Can be used to purchase fresh, frozen, canned fruits and vegetables, and dried fruits

1. This date is the first day to accept this food instrument.
2. This date is the last day to accept this food instrument.
3. The fruits and vegetables food instrument is the only food instrument with a dollar amount printed on it. WIC shoppers are allowed to pay the difference if the total exceeds the value of the food instrument; however, they cannot receive change for any unused amount.
4. This is where the cashier fills in the dollar amount at the checkstand before the WIC shopper signs the food instrument.
5. This number is the food item number. The food item number can also be found above the pay to the order of wording located in the center top of the food instrument.
6. This is where the WIC shopper signs the food instrument after the cashier writes in the dollar amount.
7. You have 45 days from the “first day to use” to submit the 10-digit serial number and deposit into the bank.
8. To submit, enter the 10-digit serial number by internet or electronic file submission prior to depositing into the bank.

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Please refer to the March 28, 2016 WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide.
More information about the WIC Program is available on the internet on the California WIC Program website.
### CAN BUY

(this list is not exclusive)

- Natural or unsweetened applesauce
- Organic fruits and vegetables
- Products packed in water or juice, without added sugar or artificial, reduced- or no-calorie sweeteners
- Canned tomatoes or tomato products such as plain, whole, crushed, diced, paste, or purees
- Frozen beans of any kind
- Regular or low sodium allowed
- Fresh potatoes of any kind, including sweet potatoes and yams
- Whole or cut fruits and vegetables
- Bagged fruits and vegetables
- Bagged or packaged salad mixtures
- Water chestnuts
- Green guaje
- Xoconxtle
- Purslane
- Alfalfa sprouts, water cress, bamboo, ginger
- Tamarind in pods, plain tamarind paste
- Fresh dates
- Wheat grass from sprouted wheat
- Rhubarb
- Canned artichoke hearts in water
- Fresh or sliced coconut
- Garlic, plain paste garlic, chopped garlic
- Bean sprouts, onion, jalapeños, peppers, chilies
- Pico de gallo
- Dried fruits without added fats, oils, or sugars, such as raisins, dates, prunes, plums, figs, and apricots; dried fruits pitted or with pits
- Freeze dried fruits

### CANNOT BUY

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- Fruit packed in syrup
- Fruit cocktail, mixed fruit with cherries, cranberry sauce, or pie filling
- Fruits and vegetables with added sugar, salt, fat, oil, flavor, artificial, reduced- or no-calorie sweeteners, sauces, or cream
- French fries, tater tots, or mashed potatoes
- Soups, ketchup, salsa, or relish
- Olives
- Stewed tomatoes
- Tomato sauce
- Breaded or flavored vegetables
- Canned mature beans
- Fruits and vegetables with added ingredients, such as cheese, butter, teriyaki sauce, pasta, or rice
- Food or products from the deli or salad bar, party trays, fruit baskets, or decorative fruits
- Nuts or fruit-nut mixtures
- Dried or freeze-dried vegetables
- Bagged salads with dressing, cheese, croutons, dips, or sauces
- Garlic in braids or fried chili peppers
- Aloe Vera Leaf
- Dried coconut
- Any vegetable in vinegar or pickled
- Herbs and spices, such as anise, basil, bay leaves, caraway, chervil, chives, cilantro, dill, fenugreek, horseradish, lemon grass, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, savory, tarragon, and thyme
- Trail mix
- Dried fruits with added artificial or natural flavors, including essences

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