

# **The Emergency Pantry**

In case of emergency, it is important to have shelf-stable foods on hand which can be eaten cold or hot. Be sure to use these up by their best-before dates and rotate or replace stock regularly. Contents of a can or jar not consumed immediately after opening must be discarded. This is very important to prevent food poisoning in the event that there is no access to a refrigerator.

## Key Emergency Pantry Items:

- Canned fruits (pineapple, pears, oranges, peaches)
- Canned vegetables (tomatoes, corn, peas, mixed vegetables)
- Canned beans (chickpeas, kidney beans, black beans, bakes beans)
- Canned fish (tuna, salmon, sardines)
- Canned meats (ham, chicken, turkey)
- Canned soups or chili
- Salsa or antipasto
- Jam or jelly
- Applesauce
- Fruit and vegetable juice boxed and cans
- Shelf-stable milk (powdered, canned, tetra packs)
- Packaged infant food and formula
- Read-to-eat cereals
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Shelf-stable tortillas

#### Pantry Meal Ideas:

- Tortillas with refried beans and salsa
- Black beans, corn, oil, vinegar and seasonings
- Chickpeas, tuna, oil, vinegar and seasonings
- Granola bars and nut butter
- Chocolate hazelnut spread on crackers
- Dry cereal, shelf-stable milk, dried fruits, nuts and seeds
- Tortillas with peanut butter and raisins or applesauce and cinnamon

- Nacho chips
- Granola bars
- Dried fruits (apricots, raisins,
- cranberries, mangoes, apples)
- Nuts and seeds (almonds, cashews, sunflower seeds, chia seeds, flaxseed)
- Peanut butter, chocolate hazelnut spread and soy butter
- Marshmallows
- Oil
- Vinegar
- Sugar
- Seasonings
- Bottled water
- Manual can opener
- Scissors
- Hand sanitizers
- Paper towels
- Disposable plates, cups, and cutlery

## PEANUT BUTTER WRAPS

1/2 cup peanut butter

- 4 flour tortillas (8 inch)
- 1/4 cup strawberry jam or fruit spread

2 cups thinly sliced bananas 1/4 cup granola

Spread peanut butter evenly over tortillas, leaving a 1/2 inch border. Spread jam over peanut butter and top with bananas. Sprinkle with granola. Tightly roll up each tortilla jelly-roll fashion. Serve immediately or wrap individually and refrigerate for up to 2 hours. *Serves 4*.

## TUNA, TOMATO AND WHITE BEAN SALAD

- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp grated lemon peel
- 1/4 tsp basil, crumbled

1/4 tsp salt

- 1/4 tsp freshly ground pepper
  - 2 cups halved grape or cherry tomatoes

- 1/3 cup sliced green onion
  - 3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
  - 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) white kidney beans, rinsed and drained
  - 1 can (170 g) chunk light tuna, drained Lettuce leaves

To prepare dressing, whisk together first 7 ingredients (lemon juice through pepper) until blended. Combine tomatoes, green onion, parsley, beans and tuna in a bowl. Add dressing and toss to combine. Place lettuce leaves on individual serving plates. Top with salad. *Serves 3 - 4*.

Cook's Note: To make this recipe completely from your pantry, you could make the following changes:

- 3 tbsp vinegar and omit lemon juice and lemon peel
- Use 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) diced tomatoes, drained, instead of the fresh tomatoes
- Use finely chopped onion instead of the green onion
- Use dried parsley instead of the fresh parsley
- Omit the lettuce leaves

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