WELLNESS NEWS

March 2025

Smart Grocery Shopping: Eating Well Without Breaking the Bank

Eating nutritious meals doesn't have to mean overspending at the grocery store. A little planning and innovative shopping strategies can keep your costs down while fueling your body with healthy foods. Start by making a <u>meal plan</u> and shopping list before heading to the store—this helps you stay focused and avoid impulse buys. Look for seasonal produce, which is often more affordable and packed with nutrients, and consider frozen or canned fruits and vegetables (with no added sugar or salt) as budget-friendly alternatives.

Stretch your grocery dollars further by buying staple items in bulk, such as whole grains, beans, and nuts, and choosing store brands instead of name brands. Incorporating plant-based proteins like lentils and beans can also save money while supporting a balanced diet. Finally, don't forget to check for weekly sales and coupons to maximize savings. Making mindful choices at the grocery store helps you eat well, stay within budget, and feel good about the meals you prepare!

For additional smart grocery shopping tips, check out the <u>Real Life, Good Food grocery guide resources</u> available from the University of Minnesota.



Well Wisconsin Events

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Kickstart your well-being this month with Well Wisconsin's upcoming wellness events! Join a Cooking with Eggs session to explore delicious and nutritious ways to incorporate eggs into your meals, or attend a Heart Healthy Living Workshop to learn practical tips for heart health. Stay active with live fitness classes, and if you haven't already, get started on your Well Wisconsin incentive by scheduling an onsite biometric screening. Visit the <u>Well</u> <u>Wisconsin Events page</u> for details and registration to make heart health and self-care a part of your month!

EAP Corner Stress & Burnout

Stress is a normal part of life, but when it becomes chronic, it can harm physical and mental health. Simple, evidencebased strategies such as deep breathing, meditation, and yoga are all effective techniques for managing stress and improving overall well-being. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is here to help if you're feeling overwhelmed or need additional support. Reach out to connect with confidential resources, counseling, and guidance to navigate stress and prevent burnout.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EAP



Tax Planning

Tax season is a great time to review your finances and plan. <u>ELEVATE</u> <u>Wisconsin</u> offers resources to help you better understand tax deductions, credits, and strategies for future planning. Whether you're preparing your return or looking for ways to improve your tax situation next year, ELEVATE provides tools and guidance to support your financial well-being.

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State of Wisconsin Employee Wellness Webinars

Please join us for an upcoming webinar with one of our trusted well-being partners. Click each title for course details and registration.

DATE	Тіме	Event	Ноѕт
Ongoing	On-Demand	Well Wisconsin Radio Podcasts	Well Wisconsin
Ongoing	On-Demand	Well Wisconsin Recorded Webinars	Well Wisconsin
Ongoing	On-Demand	Group Fitness Classes	Well Wisconsin
Ongoing	On-Demand	EAP Recorded Webinars	EAP
Every Tuesday	11:40am – 12:00pm	Weekly Mindfulness Practice with Dan Tyler	Enterprise Wellness
Every Thursday	11:00am – 11:40am	Weekly Mindfulness Practice with Dan Tyler	Enterprise Wellness
Varies		March Well Wisconsin Events	Well Wisconsin
Wednesdays, March 5 - 26	10:00am – 10:30am	Cooking Class: Cooking with Eggs	Well Wisconsin
Thursdays, March 6 - 27	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Workshop: Heart Healthy Living	Well Wisconsin
March 12	10:00am – 11:00 am	Mindfulness for Stress Relief	Enterprise Wellness
March 12	12:30pm – 1:30pm	How to Cultivate Compassion and Empathy in the Workplace	EAP
March 19	11:00am – 12:00pm	The Importance of the Family Bond	EAP
Varies		April Well Wisconsin Events	Well Wisconsin

April 4	12:30pm – 1:00pm	Stress Management for Managers	EAP
April 9	12:30-pm – 1:30pm	Eating Right on the Run and on a Budget	EAP
April 17	11:00am – 12:00pm	Handling Financial Stress	EAP

March Health Observances

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH SLEEP AWARENESS WEEK: MARCH 9 – 15 NATIONAL LGBTQ HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK: MARCH 17-21 NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL FACTS WEEK: MARCH 17-23