## Reading a Grocery Store Receipt

Grocery store receipts give you information about food pricing that can be useful in budgeting and in deciding on where to shop.


Other information that might be on your receipt includes:

- List of savings through individual offers, coupons and other discounts applied.
- Points collected or redeemed if the store has a points system.

It is a good idea before leaving the store to take a look at the receipt. Make sure nothing stands out as an error and all of the items purchased are in the right quantities. If you find errors or overcharges on your receipt, visit customer service in the store.

Some stores in Manitoba have a policy in place also known as Scanning Code of Practice (Walmart, Real Canadian Superstore, Safeway/Sobeys, etc). If an item with a barcode scans incorrectly and you are overcharged for the item, the customer may be entitled to either receive the product for free (if the overcharged item costs less than $\$ 10$ ) or receive $\$ 10$ off the price (if the product costs more than $\$ 10$ ). Read more about the Scanner Price Accuracy Code and the retailers who participate from the Retail Council of Canada.

## Should I keep receipts?

It is also a good idea to keep grocery receipts for a couple weeks just in case any product needs to be returned. If you are not satisfied with your purchase or there are any quality issues (dents to cans, spoiled or stale products), bring the item and the receipt back to the store and explain the reason for the product return. Most stores are happy to exchange the product or for a refund.

Another reason for keeping receipts is to track spending and to use in comparing different store prices. Budget numbers will be more accurate if you have actual receipts to track your expenses.

