



# Shopping Guide

PESACH 2020

Recommendations are for items produced in the United States

This list of products is marked as follows:

- ✓ **Acceptable without Pesach Certification**  
 Food items in this section should preferably be purchased before Pesach
- ▲ **Must bear reliable Pesach Certification**
- ✘ **Not acceptable for Pesach**  
 Sephardim should contact their local Sephardic rabbi regarding issues of kitnios

Product	Status	Notes
Adhesive bandages	✓	
Air freshener	✓	
Alcohol		For drinking ▲ Denatured ✓ Isopropyl alcohol ✓
Alfalfa	✘	Kitnios
Aluminum products	✓	Includes aluminum foil and pans
Amaranth	▲	Amaranth is not kitnios but requires certification to be sure no other grains are mixed in
Ammonia	✓	
Anise	✘	Kitnios
Antacid (chewable)	▲	
Apple juice	▲	Concentrate also requires Pesach certification
Apple sauce	▲	
Aspartame	▲	
Baby carrots		Raw are acceptable if they contain no additives Canned, cooked or frozen ▲
Baby food	▲	Includes jarred or canned
Baby formula		See nutritional supplement pages When acceptable, bottles should be filled and cleaned separately from Pesach dishes since formula is kitnios
Baby oil	✓	
Baby powder		Acceptable if it only contains talc, talcum powder, corn starch, or other innocuous ingredients
Baby wipes	✓	
Bags	✓	
Baking powder	▲	
Baking soda	✓	
Balloons		If powdered, wash before Pesach
Band-aids	✓	
Beans	✘	Kitnios

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Bean sprouts	✘	Kitnios
Benefiber	✘	Chametz
Beverages	▲	
Bicarbonate of soda	✓	
Bird food		See pet food pages
Bleach	✓	
Bleach wipes	✓	
Blush	✓	
Body wash	✓	
Braces	✓	Wax for braces is also acceptable; wash rubber bands before placing in mouth
Brewer's yeast	✘	Chametz
Brown sugar	▲	
Buckwheat	✘	Kitnios
Buckwheat pillow	✓	One may own and derive benefit from kitnios
Butter	▲	
Candles	✓	Scented are also acceptable
Candy	▲	
Canned fruits or vegetables	▲	
Canola oil	✘	Kitnios
Caraway	✘	Kitnios
Carrots		Raw (including baby carrots) are acceptable if additive-free Canned, cooked or frozen ▲
Cat food		See pet food pages
CBD Oil	✘	Kitnios
Charcoal	✓	Includes "plain", easy-light, apple, hickory, and mesquite
Cheese	▲	
Cheese spreads	▲	
Chewable pills		See medicine letter (page 3)

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Chewing tobacco	▲	Contains flavors and other sensitive ingredients
Chickpeas	✘	Kitnios
Cloves		Some have a custom not to use cloves for Pesach
Cocoa powder		Acceptable if 100% pure and not processed in Europe. Hershey's is acceptable except for Special Dark
Coconut (shredded)		Sweetened or flavored ▲ Unsweetened & unflavored ✓
Coffee	▲	Beans which are plain, unflavored, and not decaffeinated do not require certification, but the grinder must be clean Instant, flavored or decaffeinated coffee requires certification K-cups require certification
Coffee filters	✓	
Coffee whitener	▲	
Cologne		See medicine and cosmetic pages
Colonoscopy drink		See medicine and cosmetic pages
Confectioners' sugar	▲	
Contact lens solution	✓	
Contact paper	✓	
Cooking oil spray	▲	
Cooking wine	▲	
Coriander seeds	✘	Kitnios
Corn & corn products (e.g. corn oil, corn syrup)	✘	Kitnios
Corn remover	✓	
Cosmetics		See medicine and cosmetic pages
Creams (cosmetics)	✓	
Crock pot liner	✓	
Cumin	✘	Kitnios
Cutlery (plastic)	✓	
Dates	▲	Glaze may be problematic
Decaffeinated coffee or tea	▲	Lipton decaffeinated tea bags are acceptable without certification
Dental floss or tape		Acceptable (including waxed) if not flavored
Dentures	✓	
Deodorant	✓	
Dessert gels & puddings	▲	
Detergent	✓	
Dill		Seeds ✘ (Kitnios) Leaves ✓
Dishwashing soap	✓	
Dog food		See pet food pages
Dried fruit	▲	
Edamame	✘	Kitnios
Eggs		Cooked or liquid ▲ Whole and raw (including pasteurized) ✓

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Ensure		See nutritional supplement page
Eye drops	✓	
Eye liner	✓	
Eye shadow	✓	
Fabric protector	✓	
Fabric softener	✓	
Fennel		Seeds ✘ (Kitnios) Leaves ✓
Fish		Fresh ✓ Canned, frozen or processed ▲
Fish food		See pet food pages
Flax seeds		Flax seeds are not kitnios; see spices
Flour	✘	Chametz
Floss (dental)		Acceptable (including waxed) if not flavored
Foil (aluminum)	✓	
Food coloring	▲	
Food supplements		See nutritional supplement page
Formula for infants		See baby formula
Frozen dinners	▲	
Fruit		Canned, cooked, dried or sweetened ▲ Fresh ✓ Fruit is acceptable if it is not sweetened or cooked, and contains no sensitive additives
Fruit juice	▲	Pure frozen concentrated orange juice ✓ Other concentrates ▲
Fruit preserves	▲	
Furniture polish	✓	
Garlic		Fresh ✓ Peeled (in jars or cans) ▲
Gloves (disposable)		Powder free ✓ Powderless or with powder ▲
Glue	✓	
Grape juice	▲	
Grapefruit juice	▲	
Green beans	✘	Kitnios
Gum (chewing)	▲	
Hair gel	✓	
Hairspray	✓	
Hemp, hemp oil	✘	Kitnios
Herbal tea	▲	
Honey	▲	
Horseradish		Raw ✓ Prepared ▲
Hydrogen peroxide	✓	
Ice (in bag)	✓	
Ice cream	▲	
Ices	▲	
Infant formula		See baby formula

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Insecticide sprays	✓	Some traps contain chametz
Instant coffee or tea	▲	
Invert sugar	▲	
Isopropyl alcohol	✓	
Jam	▲	
Jelly	▲	
Juice (fruit)	▲	Pure frozen concentrated orange juice ✓ Other concentrates ▲
K-Cups	▲	
Kasha	✘	Kitnios
Ketchup	▲	
Kimmel	✘	Kitnios
Lactaid		Lactaid milk may be used if purchased before Pesach Chewable pills ✘ Non-chewable pills ✓
Latex gloves		Powder free ✓ Powderless or with powder ▲
Laundry detergent	✓	
Laxatives		See medicine and cosmetic pages
Lemon juice	▲	Concentrate also requires Pesach certification
Lentils	✘	Kitnios
Lip products		See medicine letter (page 3) and see www.ASKcRc.org for updated information
Liqueur	▲	
Liquid dish detergent	✓	
Liquid medicines		See medicine letter (page 3)
Liquor	▲	
Listerine PocketPaks	✘	Requires Pesach certification, and this brand is not certified
Lotions	✓	
Makeup		See medicine and cosmetic pages
Margarine	▲	
Mascara	✓	
Matzah	▲	
Mayonnaise	▲	
Meat		Fresh or frozen raw meat in original packaging is acceptable, but ground, cooked or repacked requires Pesach certification
Medicine		See medicine letter (page 3)
Milk	▲	If certified is unavailable, buy before Pesach
Millet	✘	Kitnios
Mineral oil	✓	
Mineral water		Acceptable if it does not contain carbonation, flavors, vitamins, or other sensitive additives
Monosodium glutamate	▲	
Mousse (for hair)	✓	

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Mouthwash		See medicine and cosmetic pages
MSG	▲	
Mushrooms		Canned ▲ Raw or dried ✓
Mustard	✘	Kitnios
Nail polish	✓	
Nail polish remover	✓	
Napkins	✓	
Non-dairy creamer	▲	
Nutritional supplements		See nutritional supplement page  Peanuts are kitnios ✘ Pecans (all shelled) ▲ Other nuts (incl. chopped) are acceptable without certification if free of BHA and BHT, and not blanched, roasted or ground
Nuts		
Ointments	✓	
Olive oil		Extra virgin (unflavored) ✓ Other types, including extra light ▲
Oil (cooking)	▲	
Orange juice	▲	Pure frozen orange juice concentrate does not require Pesach certification
Orthodontics	✓	Wash rubber bands before placing in mouth
Oven cleaner	✓	
Pam	▲	
Pans (aluminum)	✓	
Paper products	✓	Including bags, napkins, plates, and wax paper May be used for hot or cold
Paraffin	✓	
Parchment paper	▲	
Peanuts	✘	Kitnios
Peas	✘	Kitnios
Pecans (all shelled)	▲	
Perfume	✓	When produced in the USA
Pet food		See pet food pages
Petroleum jelly	✓	
Pickles	▲	
Pills		See medicine letter (page 3)
Pineapple (canned)	▲	
Plastic (cutlery, plates)	✓	
Plastic wrap	✓	
Plates	✓	Including paper, plastic and Styrofoam May be used for hot or cold
Play-doh	✘	May contain chametz
Polish (for furniture, shoes, or silver)	✓	
Pop	▲	
Popcorn	✘	Kitnios

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Poppy seeds	✘	Kitnios
Potato chips	▲	
Poultry		Fresh or frozen raw poultry in original packaging is acceptable, but ground, cooked or repacked requires Pesach certification
Powdered dish detergent	✓	
Prunes	▲	
Pumpkin seeds		Not kitnios; acceptable if raw and without additives
Quinoa	▲	Quinoa is not kitnios but requires certification to be sure no other grains are mixed in
Raisins	▲	
Rice, including wild rice	✘	Kitnios Rice milk may contain chametz; see milk alternatives page
Saffron		Some have a custom not to use saffron for Pesach See Spices
Salads (bagged)	▲	If certified is unavailable, and contains no kitnios or sensitive additives; buy before Pesach
Salmon		Fresh ✓ Canned, frozen or processed ▲
Salt		Acceptable without iodine or other additives
Sanitizers (e.g. Purell)	✓	
Scouring pads	✓	
Seltzer	▲	
Sesame seeds	✘	Kitnios
Shampoo	✓	
Shaving lotion	✓	
Sherbet	▲	
Shortening	▲	
Silver polish	✓	
Snow peas	✘	Kitnios
Soaps	✓	
Soda	▲	
Sorbet	▲	
Sorghum	✘	Kitnios
Soup mix	▲	
Soy products	✘	Kitnios Soy sauce and soy milk may contain chametz; see milk alternatives page
Spices		Anise, caraway, coriander seeds, cumin, dill seeds, fennel seeds, and mustard are kitnios ✘ Other spices are acceptable in whole form, but ground spices require certification
Splenda	▲	
Stain remover	✓	
Star anise		Star anise is not kitnios; see Spices
Stevia	▲	

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Stick deodorant	✓	
String beans	✘	Kitnios
Styrofoam	✓	
Sugar		Brown sugar and confectioners' sugar ▲ Pure, white cane sugar without additives is acceptable
Sugar substitute	▲	
Sunflower seeds	✘	Kitnios
Sunscreen	✓	
Suppositories	✓	
Syrups	▲	
Tea		Pure black, green or white tea leaves or tea bags are acceptable unless they are flavored, instant or decaffeinated, in which case they require certification Lipton decaffeinated tea bags ✓ Herbal tea ▲
Tissues	✓	
Tofu	✘	Kitnios
Tomato-based products	▲	
Toothpaste		See www.ASKcRc.org for updates
Toothpicks		Toothpicks are acceptable unless flavored or colored
Tums	✘	Chewable antacids require Pesach certification, and this brand is not certified for Pesach
Tuna fish (canned)	▲	
Turmeric		Turmeric is not kitnios; see spices
Vanilla	▲	
Vaseline	✓	
Vegetable oil	▲	
Vegetables		Bagged salads - see Salad (bagged) Canned, cooked or frozen ▲ Fresh raw vegetables are acceptable if they are not kitnios (see listing for individual vegetables) and do not contain additives other than sugar
Vegetable wash	▲	
Vinegar	▲	
Vitamins	▲	
Water		Acceptable if it does not contain carbonation, flavors, vitamins, or other sensitive additives
Wax for braces	✓	
Wax paper	✓	
Whitener (for coffee)	▲	
Wild rice	✘	Kitnios
Wine	▲	
Wood chips	✓	
Wrap (plastic)	✓	
Yogurt	▲	

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