



# Shopping Guide

PESACH 2024

Recommendations are for items produced in the United States

The 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 or Isopropyl alcohol
Alfalfa	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Aluminum products	✓	Includes aluminum foil and pans
Amaranth	▲	Amaranth is not <i>kitnios</i> but requires Pesach certification to be sure no other grains are mixed in
Ammonia	✓	
Anise	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Antacid (chewable)	▲	
Apple juice	▲	Concentrate also requires Pesach certification
Applesauce	▲	
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 <i>kitnios</i>
Baby oil	✓	
Baby powder		Acceptable if it only contains talc, talcum powder, cornstarch, or other innocuous ingredients
Baby wipes	✓	
Bags	✓	Includes paper & plastic
Baking powder	▲	
Baking soda	✓	
Balloons		If powdered, wash before Pesach
Band-aids	✓	
Beans	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Bean sprouts	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>

Product	Status	Notes
Benefiber	✘	<i>Chametz</i>
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	✘	<i>Chametz</i>
Brown sugar	▲	
Buckwheat	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Buckwheat pillow	✓	One may own and derive benefit from <i>kitnios</i>
Butter	▲	
Candles	✓	Scented are also acceptable
Candy	▲	
Canned fruits or vegetables	▲	
Canola oil	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Caraway	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Carrots		Raw (including baby carrots) are acceptable if additive-free
	▲	Canned, cooked or frozen
Cat food		See Pet Food pages
CBD oil	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Charcoal	✓	Includes "plain", easy-light, apple, hickory, and mesquite
Cheese	▲	
Cheese spreads	▲	
Chewable pills		See Medicine Letter (page 3)
Chewing tobacco	▲	Contains flavors and other sensitive ingredients

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Chickpeas	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Cloves		Some have a custom not to use cloves for Pesach
Cocoa powder		Acceptable if 100% pure and not processed in Europe. All Hershey's is acceptable, except Special Dark
Coconut (shredded)	▲	Sweetened or flavored
	✓	Unsweetened & unflavored
Coffee	▲	Beans which are plain, unflavored, and not decaffeinated do not require Pesach 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 bit.ly/3NsgS18
Confectioners' sugar	▲	
Contact paper	✓	
Cooking oil spray	▲	
Cooking wine	▲	
Coriander seeds	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Corn & corn products (e.g. corn oil, corn syrup)	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Corn remover	✓	
Cosmetics		See Medicine and Cosmetic pages
Creams (cosmetics)	✓	
Crock pot liner	✓	
Cumin	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Cups	✓	Includes paper & plastic
Cutlery (plastic)	✓	
Dates	▲	Glaze may be problematic
Decaffeinated coffee or tea	▲	Lipton decaffeinated tea bags require Pesach certification
Dental floss or tape		Acceptable (including waxed) if not flavored
Dentures	✓	
Deodorant	✓	
Dessert gels & puddings	▲	
Detergent	✓	
Dill	✘	Seeds
	✓	Leaves
Dishwashing soap	✓	
Dog food		See Pet Food pages
Dried fruit	▲	
Edamame	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Eggs	▲	Cooked or liquid
	✓	Whole and raw (including pasteurized)
Ensure		See Nutritional Supplement pages

Product	Status	Notes
Eye drops	✓	
Eye liner	✓	
Eye shadow	✓	
Fabric protector	✓	
Fabric softener	✓	
Fennel	✘	Seeds ( <i>Kitnios</i> )
	✓	Leaves
Fish	✓	Fresh
	▲	Canned, frozen or processed
Fish food		See Pet Food pages
Flax seeds		Flax seeds are not <i>kitnios</i> ; see Spices
Flour	✘	<i>Chametz</i>
Floss (dental)		Acceptable (including waxed) if not flavored
Foil (aluminum)	✓	
Food coloring	▲	
Food supplements		See Nutritional Supplement pages
Formula for infants		See Baby formula
Frozen dinners	▲	
	▲	Canned, cooked, dried or sweetened
Fruit	✓	Fresh
		Frozen is acceptable if it is not sweetened or cooked and contains no sensitive additives
Fruit juice	✓	Pure frozen concentrated orange juice
	▲	Other concentrates or single-strength juices
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	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Gum (chewing)	▲	
Hair gel	✓	
Hairspray	✓	
Hemp, hemp oil	✘	<i>Kitnios</i>
Herbal tea	▲	
Honey	▲	
Horseradish	✓	Raw
	▲	Prepared
Hydrogen peroxide	✓	
Ice (in bag)	✓	
Ice cream	▲	

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Ices	▲	
Infant formula		See Baby formula
Insecticide sprays	✓	Some traps contain <i>chametz</i>
Instant coffee or tea	▲	
Invert sugar	▲	
Isopropyl alcohol	✓	
Jam	▲	
Jelly	▲	
Juice (fruit)	✓	Pure frozen concentrated orange juice
	▲	Other concentrates or single-strength juices
K-Cups	▲	
Kasha	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Ketchup	▲	
Kimmel	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
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	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Lip products		See Medicine Letter (page 3) and Medicine and Cosmetics pages. See <a href="http://www.ASKcRc.org">www.ASKcRc.org</a> for updates.
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 required Pesach certification
Medicine		See Medicine Letter (page 3)
Milk	▲	If certified is unavailable, buy before Pesach
Millet	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Mineral oil	✓	
Mineral water		Acceptable if it does not contain carbonation, flavors, vitamins, or other sensitive additives

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Monosodium glutamate	▲	
Mousse (for hair)	✓	
Mouthwash		See Medicine and Cosmetic pages
MSG	▲	
Mushrooms	▲	Canned
	✓	Raw or dried
Mustard	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Nail polish	✓	
Nail polish remover	✓	
Napkins	✓	
Non-dairy creamer	▲	
Nutritional supplements		See Nutritional Supplement pages
	✖	Peanuts are <i>kitnios</i>
Nuts	▲	Pecan pieces
		Other nuts (incl. chopped) are acceptable without certification if free of BHA and BHT, and not blanched, roasted or ground
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, cups, napkins, plates, and wax paper. May be used for hot or cold.
Paraffin	✓	
Parchment paper	▲	
Peanuts	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Peas	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Pecan pieces	▲	For whole pecans, see Nuts
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 <i>chametz</i>

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Polish (for furniture, shoes, or silver)	✓	
Pop	▲	
Popcorn	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Poppy seeds	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
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 <i>kitnios</i> ; acceptable if raw and without additives
Quinoa	▲	Quinoa is not <i>kitnios</i> but requires Pesach certification to be sure no other grains are mixed in
Raisins	▲	
Rice, including wild rice	✖	<i>Kitnios</i> Rice milk may contain <i>chametz</i> ; 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 <i>kitnios</i> 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	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Shampoo	✓	
Shaving lotion	✓	
Sherbet	▲	
Shortening	▲	
Silver polish	✓	
Snow peas	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Soaps	✓	
Soda	▲	
Sorbet	▲	
Sorghum	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Soup mix	▲	
Soy products	✖	<i>Kitnios</i> Soy sauce and soy milk may contain <i>chametz</i> ; see Milk Alternatives page
Spices	✖	Anise, caraway, coriander seeds, cumin, dill seeds, fennel seeds, and mustard are <i>kitnios</i>
		Other spices are acceptable in whole form, but ground spices require Pesach certification
Splenda	▲	
Stain remover	✓	

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Star anise		Star anise is not <i>kitnios</i> ; see Spices
Stevia	▲	
Stick deodorant	✓	
String beans	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Styrofoam	✓	
Sugar	▲	Brown sugar and confectioners' sugar
		Pure, white cane sugar without additives is acceptable
Sugar substitute	▲	
Sunflower seeds	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
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 Pesach certification
	▲	Herbal tea
Tissues	✓	
Tofu	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Tomato-based products	▲	
Toothpaste		See Medicine and Cosmetics pages. See <a href="http://www.ASKcRc.org">www.ASKcRc.org</a> 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 <i>kitnios</i> ; see Spices
Vanilla	▲	
Vaseline	✓	
Vegetable oil	▲	
Vegetables		Bagged salads - see Salads (bagged) Canned, cooked or frozen ▲
		Fresh raw vegetables are acceptable if they are not <i>kitnios</i>
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	✖	<i>Kitnios</i>
Wine	▲	
Wood chips	✓	
Wrap (plastic)	✓	
Yogurt	▲	

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