

## BACK TO SCHOU!

Think Outside the (Lunch) Box:
Tips for Packing a Healthier School Lunch







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## Fresh is Best!

Plastic food packaging can contain harmful chemicals, such as <u>bisphenol A (BPA)</u> and <u>phthalates</u>, which are on the <u>Proposition 65 list</u>.

Avoid these harmful chemicals in your food by choosing fresh produce. Save money by purchasing in-season produce or visiting your local farmers' market.

Want more tips about healthy food choices?
Check out our fact sheet on <u>Foods and Beverages</u>.





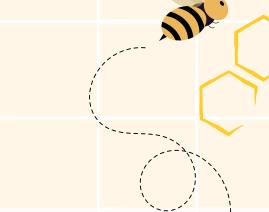






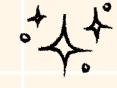






Some plastic back-to-school items, like lunch boxes, pencil cases, and backpacks, can contain <u>phthalates</u>. Other items, like plastic utensils and food storage containers, can contain <u>BPA</u>.

Replace plastic gear and invest in items made from natural fibers, such as cotton, canvas, wicker, jute, hemp, and bamboo. These durable materials require less frequent replacement, leading to long-term savings.









Bamboo Utensils



Cotton Tote Bag



Canvas Backpack



## Start with One Swap!

Changing everyday habits is hard.

Even one substitution can make a difference in reducing your exposure to toxic chemicals.

Healthier choices pave the way for a healthier future, for kids and adults alike!









What does a Proposition 65 warning mean? Check out our <u>Big Picture</u> fact sheet to learn the basics.



