

FOOD AND GROCERIES

SD Mines has on-campus dining in the Surbeck Center for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There is a convenience store (Miner's Shack), a buffet style restaurant (Hardrock Café) and a coffee/bagel shop (Einstein's Bagels). You can purchase a meal plan to use at three dining halls (see <https://sdsmt.campusdish.com/>).

The closest grocery store to the University is about one mile away or a 15-20 minute walk. There are common grocery stores around Rapid City and wholesale stores (Sam's Club) require an annual paid membership and offer cheaper foods in large quantities.

There are several grocery and international markets around Rapid City:

Asian Grocery: 1012 E. North Street-605-388-6156
Benjas Mexican Store: 710 Lacrosse Street #3-605-341-5591
Breadroot Natural Foods: 100 East Blvd. N-605-348-3331
Masala Market:124 East St. Joseph Street-(605) 716-6278
Dollar General: 137 E Saint Patrick St-(715) 503-0709
Don's Valley Market: 747 Timmons Blvd #A-605-393-3018
Family Dollar: 1025 E Saint Patrick St-(605) 348-0159
Family Fare – two (2) locations 605-343-4326
The Market: 333 Omaha Street, #2-605-341-9099
Safeway Stores, Inc. – two (2) locations 605-348-5125
SP Super Foods: 911 E. St. Patrick Street-605-716-5445
Staple & Spice Market: 601 Mt. Rushmore Road-605-343-3900
Walmart – two (2) locations - 605-342-9444

SHOPPING

Most store prices are fixed, which means that you cannot bargain for a lower price. The exception to this is buying very expensive items such as a house or car. The posted price generally does NOT include sales tax, which must be calculated in when you make your purchase. The sales tax varies by county, but is usually 5-7% of the purchase price.

Whenever you buy something, ask for a receipt. The receipt proves that you have purchased an item on a particular day in a particular store. If the item is damaged or unsatisfactory, you can usually return the item and receive your money back if you have the receipt.

Bargain shopping:

To find very low prices, many students look for ads around campus posted by other students selling something, newspaper ads in the community and for garage sales (see next paragraph). It is usual to find furniture, books, household supplies, and other items this way.

Goodwill and Salvation Army stores sell used clothes and furniture at very low prices. You may find other thrift stores around Rapid City also selling donated items at very low prices. In the summer and during warm months, students who live in suburban areas may come across yard sales and garage sales.

In the U.S., Garage/Yard Sales are popular. Many families sell their used furniture, clothes, and many other things in front of their homes for one or two days. This may be the cheapest way to buy items, so don't be afraid to stop and look! While it is not normal to negotiate with sellers in most stores, at yard sales you are free to negotiate prices.