

How to use your ration book

Your first ration book has been issued to you, originally containing 28 war ration stamps. Other books may be issued at later dates. The following instructions apply to your first book and will apply to any later books, unless otherwise ordered by the Office of Price Administration. In order to obtain a later book, the first book must be turned in. You should preserve War Ration Books with the greatest of possible care.

1. From the time the Office of Price Administration may issue orders rationing certain products. After the dates indicated by such orders, these products can be purchased only through the use of valid War Ration Stamps.
2. The orders of the Office of Price Administration will designate the stamps to be used for the purchase of a particular rationed product, the period during which each of these stamps may be used and the amounts, which may be bought with each stamp.
3. Stamps become valid for use only when and as directed.
4. Unless otherwise announced, the ration week is from Saturday midnight to the following Saturday midnight.
5. War Ration Stamps may be used in any retail store in the United States.
6. War Rations Stamps may be used only by or for the person named and described in the War Ration Book.
7. Every person must see that this War Ration Book is kept in a safe place and properly used. Parents are responsible for the safekeeping and use of their children's War Ration Book.
8. When you buy any rationed product, the proper stamp must be detached in the presence of the storekeeper.
9. If your War Ration book is lost, destroyed, stolen or mutilated you should report that the fact to the local Ration Board.
10. If you enter a hospital or other institution and expect to be there more than 10 days, you must turn your war ration book over to the person in charge.
11. When a person dies, his war ration book must be returned to the local Ration Board in accordance with the regulations.
12. If you have any complaints, questions or difficulties regarding your War Ration Book, consult your local Ration Board.