









Ingredients to Avoid in General

Processed and Junk Foods:

 Avoid highly processed foods, artificial additives, and preservatives, as these can disrupt the natural balance of all three doshas.

• Refined Sugars and Flours:

 Limit intake of refined sugars and white flour products, as they can contribute to imbalances and digestive issues.

Artificial Sweeteners and Flavorings:

o These can interfere with digestion and overall health.

• Parabens:

 These preservatives can disrupt hormone function, irritate the skin, and cause allergic reactions.

Sulfates:

 Such as sodium lauryl sulfate (SLS), which is extremely harsh and can strip the skin of natural oils causing dryness and irritation.

Artificial colors and dyes:

o These can cause allergic reactions and sensitivities.

• Synthetic fragrances:

 These can lead to irritation, allergic reactions, and respiratory issues. Often found in laundry detergents, cleaning supplies, and air fresheners.

Triclosan:

 An antibacterial agent that can contribute to antibiotic resistance and disrupt hormonal function.

Ammonia:

 Found in many cleaning products, it can irritate the respiratory system and skin.

Chlorine:

 Common in bleach and disinfectants, it can cause respiratory issues and skin irritation.









Ingredients to Avoid-Specific to Vata

Cold foods and drinks:

o Ice-cold beverages, raw salads, and frozen desserts.

Dry foods:

o Crackers, dried fruits (unless soaked), and popcorn.

• Light and airy foods:

o Rice cakes, puffed cereals, and foods with a lot of air.

• Bitter and astringent tastes:

 Foods that are overly bitter or astringent, such as raw leafy greens and certain legumes, which can increase dryness.

Alcohol-based products:

o These can be excessively drying and irritating.

Harsh exfoliants:

 Avoid products with strong, abrasive particles that can damage delicate Vata skin.

• Synthetic fragrances and dyes:

 These can cause irritation and sensitivity on skin and in the respiratory system.

Parabens and sulfates:

 These chemicals can strip the skin of its natural oils, exacerbating dryness.

Harsh detergents and cleaners:

 These can strip moisture from the skin and exacerbate dryness.









Ingredients to Avoid-Specific to Pitta

· Spicy foods:

o Chili peppers, hot sauce, and spicy curries.

Sour foods:

 Fermented foods, sour fruits (like citrus and tomatoes), and vinegar.

Salty foods:

o Excessive salt and salty snacks.

Fried and oily foods:

o Deep-fried foods, heavy oils, and greasy dishes.

Caffeine and alcohol:

o These can exacerbate heat and acidity in the body.

Synthetic fragrances and dyes:

o These can cause allergic reactions and irritation.

Alcohol-based products:

These can cause burning and irritation.

• Harsh chemical exfoliants:

 Strong acids (like high concentrations of glycolic or salicylic acid) that can inflame sensitive skin.

• Petroleum-based products:

These can block pores and cause breakouts.

Bleach and ammonia:

Can cause irritation and increase heat.

• Strong fragrances and dyes:

o Can inflame sensitive skin and cause allergic reactions.

Harsh chemical cleaners:

o That can increase skin sensitivity and irritation.







Ingredients to Avoid-Specific to Kapha

Heavy foods:

 Dairy products (cheese, yogurt, cream), heavy meats, and rich desserts.

· Oily foods:

o Fried foods, excessive oils, and fatty cuts of meat.

Cold foods and drinks:

Cold beverages, ice cream, and refrigerated foods.

Sweet and salty foods:

Excessive sweets, sugary snacks, and overly salty foods.

Dense and starchy foods:

o Potatoes, bread, and other dense carbohydrates.

Heavy oils and butters:

o Cocoa butter and coconut oil, which can clog pores.

• Petroleum-based products:

 $_{\circ}\,\,$ These can contribute to skin congestion.

• Comedogenic ingredients:

 Ingredients known to clog pores, like certain silicones and waxes.

Excessively creamy or oily formulations:

o These can add to the skin's natural oiliness.

• Heavy, greasy cleaners:

That can leave residues and contribute to congestion.

• Synthetic additives:

 $_{\circ}$ That can exacerbate respiratory issues and skin congestion.

Oily or waxy ingredients:

o Commonly found in cleaning products.

