

HOUSEWARES/FURNITURE

Ikea – 1700 East Bayshore Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 (4 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Cheap houseware items (plates, pots, pans, etc), bedding, lighting, decorations, and furniture

Daiso – Located in San Antonio Shopping Center at 550 Showers Dr, Mountain View, CA 94040

Notes: Good place to get plates, bowls, utensils, general kitchen items for cheap - similar to 100 yen stores in Japan; take Shopping Express line of Marguerite shuttle to get there for free (Can also Caltrain, bus, or drive)

Wal-mart – Located in San Antonio Shopping Center at 600 Showers Dr, Mountain View, CA 94040

Notes: Take Shopping Express line of Marguerite shuttle to get there for free (Can also Caltrain, bus, or drive)

Target – Located across the street from San Antonio Shopping Center at 555 Showers Dr, Mountain View, CA 94040

Notes: Take Shopping Express line of Marguerite shuttle to get there for free (Can also Caltrain, bus, or drive)

GROCERY STORES

General Supermarkets

The Market at Munger - 554 Salvatierra Walk, Stanford, CA 94305 (on campus across from Russo Café near Munger dorms)

Notes: Small on campus market – has some produce, milk, frozen and hot foods, and other basics.

Safeway – 525 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (2 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Regular, large chain super market, this one was recently rebuilt and open 24 hours; popular with Stanford students.

Safeway – S. Sharon Park, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (2.5 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Convenient for people without cars - take the Marguerite SLAC shuttle to the Sharon Heights stop (second to last stop on the route) near a Shell Gas Station.

Trader Joe's – 855 El Camino Real, CA 94301 (next to Stanford)

Notes: You can take the Marguerite B line shuttle to the Town & Country Shopping center across the street from Stanford.

Whole Foods – 774 Emerson St., Palo Alto, CA 94301 (1.2 miles from Stanford)

Notes: High-end supermarket with lots of organic products, located in downtown Palo Alto; this store is very close to Stanford, but on the expensive side.

Chinese Supermarkets

Ranch 99 – 1350 Grant Road, Mountain View, CA 94040 (7 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Major Chinese supermarket chain (also carries some Japanese and Korean products). They have a bakery and hot deli as well (you get coupons for every \$15 you spend at the grocery store, which can be used to purchase food at the hot deli). Requires a car or VTA bus (city bus) to get to, but it is probably one of the best Asian grocery stores closest to campus.

Ranch 99 – 10983 N. Wolfe Rd., Cupertino, CA 94040 (14 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Located in Cupertino Village, a great Chinese plaza that has good restaurants, pearl milk tea shops, frozen yogurt, Sheng Kee Bakery, and Chinese bookstores. This Ranch 99 also gives coupons that can be used in their bakery section or hot deli. Need to take the 280 S freeway to get to Cupertino via car.

Marina Food – 10122 Bandlely Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014 (13 miles from Stanford)

Notes: There is a Sheng Kee Bakery in the store. Also has a coupon system for the hot deli. Marina has one of the best to go food/hot deli's, which is always crowded, especially on weekends when people go to get soy bean milk (豆漿), Chinese donuts (油條), and sesame flat bread (燒餅) with sliced beef or eggs. Need to take the 280 S freeway to get to Cupertino via car.

Japanese Supermarkets

Nijiya – 143 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA (7 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Small Japanese supermarket chain, close to the Ranch 99 on Grant Road. They have pre-made bentos and other to-go foods made daily, along with most of your basic Japanese grocery items but their produce selection is small and on the expensive side as they tend to carry organic products. There is a Grain D'Or bakery (Japanese take on a Western bread/bakery shop – part of the Andersen Bakery chain), which has good sandwiches and white bread. Need a car or take the VTA bus along El Camino Real to get there.

Marukai – 19750 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA (14 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Larger/cheaper than Nijiya, smaller than Mitsuwa. Pretty good selection of Japanese foods, including pre-cut meats for specific dishes such as nabe, sukiyaki, shabu-shabu, karaage, etc. Also check out Beard Papa and Liang's Kitchen while you're there! ☺ Need to take the 280 S freeway to get to Cupertino via car.

Mitsuwa – 675 Saratoga Ave, San Jose, CA 95129 (16 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Largest Japanese supermarket in the area, recently remodeled. They have a bakery section inside that carries Satura Bakery goods as well as Kobe Fugetsudo (sweets that are a blend of French & Japanese styles). Also inside are a Shiseido stand, manga/anime goods stall, cell phone stall, Japanese video rental, and two eateries – Miyabitei and Santouka Ramen (shio ramen is pretty good^_^). In the same parking lot as Mitsuwa is a good-sized Kinokuniya that carries Japanese books, manga, CDs, stationery, and knickknacks. There are a couple of noodle shops and a pretty good sushi restaurant - Tomi Sushi, and Japanese travel agency in the same plaza. Requires a car to get there.

Nak's Oriental Market – 1151 Chestnut St., Menlo Park, CA 94025 (2 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Small store in Menlo Park, which is very close to Stanford, that stocks most of the things you will need for Japanese and general Asian cooking. They have pretty early closing hours though (6:30pm M-F, and 5:30 pm on Saturday).

Korean Supermarkets

Hankook – 1092 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 (11 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Largest Korean supermarket in the area, with great selection of Korean foods. The store also has a hot deli/to-go foods section that is pretty good, and a bakery. You can buy pre-marinated meats for cooking your own Korean BBQ feast at home. ☺ Need a car, or take the VTA bus.

Kyo-Po – 3521 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95051 (15.6 miles from Stanford).

Notes: Also has a hot deli and pre-marinated meats. Need a car, or take the VTA bus.

Galleria Supermarket – 3531 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95052 (14.5 miles from Stanford).

Notes: Smaller than Hankook, but in a Korean plaza, with other shops, Korean food court, and a good bakery next door (Paris Baguette). Across the street from Tofu House (the owner here loves Stanford students!) and En – both pretty good restaurants, and a Korean-owned karaoke place that also has Chinese and Japanese songs and serves alcohol. Need a car, or take the VTA bus.

Farmers Markets

Mountain View Farmers Market – 600 W. Evelyn Ave, Mountain View, CA 94041 (6.5 miles from Stanford)

Notes: Held every Sunday year-round from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, with about 70 stalls from local growers selling produce (even Asian vegetables), meat, fish, flowers, fresh baked goods, and specialty foods (try the fresh oysters if you go – especially the smaller Kumamoto ones!). Located in downtown Mountain View, close to Castro Street, you can easily get to it from Stanford by car or taking the CalTrain from the Palo Alto or California Ave station to the Mountain View Station. You can also take a VTA bus down El Camino until you get to Castro Street, and walk down Castro towards Evelyn. After going to the Farmers Market, many people head over to Castro for brunch or lunch at one of the many restaurants along that street (including dim sum at Fu Lam Mum).

California Avenue Farmer's Market – California Ave & El Camino, Palo Alto, CA (across the street from Stanford).

Notes: Held every Sunday year-round from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the same time as the Mountain View Farmers Market, but is quite a bit smaller. However, it is much easier to get to if you don't have a car as you can walk/bike to it from Stanford.

Ferry Plaza Farmers Market – 1 Ferry Building (Market St & Embarcadero), San Francisco, CA

Notes: Held every Saturday year-round from 8 am to 2 pm. One of the largest farmers markets, surrounding the Ferry Building (on the front side, and back!), with lots of stores inside the Ferry Building itself, and arts & crafts stalls across the street from the Ferry Building on the other side of Embarcadero. It's far, but worth checking out at least once. ☺ It's pretty easy to find free street parking on the weekends, but if you don't have a car, one way to get there is via Cal Train from Palo Alto station to Millbrae station. At Millbrae, transfer to the Bart subway system and take a subway from Millbrae to the Embarcadero stop. (You can also take the Cal Train all the way to its last SF stop at 4th and King, and take a MUNI bus/train/streetcar to the Ferry Building. Or if you are into biking, take your bike with you on the Cal Train and bike from the 4th & King stop to the Ferry Building.)