

Rationing on Main Street:

A World War II Home Front in Mississippi Board Game

Resource Packet

Materials Included:	Materials Needed:
Game Board	One Dice
Shopping Lists	Game Pieces
Shop Cards	Pencils/Pens

Directions:

1. Print out (on legal paper) game board, shopping lists, and shop cards; cut out lists and cards.
2. Place shop cards face down on appropriate spaces on game board.
3. Distribute one shopping list, pencil/pen, and game piece to each player (4-6 total players).
4. Each player should choose a parking place (marked with an X) on the board to begin and end the game.
5. Each player gets one roll of the dice and moves that number of spaces counterclockwise around the board. The player then reads the board space or (if landing on a shop) draws the top card and follows its directions. After being drawn, shop cards are not returned to the bottom of the pile.
6. The first shop to run out of cards signals the end of the business day. All players should continue to roll the dice, move forward and follow the directions of the space/card they land on, but go no further than their parking place. The game is over when the first player returns to their parking place. This player gets to cross one item of their choice off their shopping list.
7. The player with the most items crossed off their shopping list is the winner.



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<p>Your application for an extra tractor fuel ration has been approved, allowing your garden size to increase. <i>Cross off tractor fuel, vegetables, and fruit from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>You are unable to get fuel for your tractor this week. <i>Keep it on your shopping list, but revert to using your old mule and plow to prepare your farmland for planting until you are able to obtain tractor fuel on your next trip to town.</i></p>
<p>You volunteer to use your car for a local car pool. Your riders use their car fuel rations to pay for the gas. You use your car fuel ration to drive around town collecting scrap metal. <i>Cross car fuel off your shopping list and advance one space for your patriotism.</i></p>	<p>You are caught attempting to use a counterfeit ration book. <i>Go to jail.</i></p>
<p>Your son's application for a new bicycle tire was immediately approved because he uses his bike to collect old magazines to send to service members overseas. <i>Cross bike tire off your shopping list and advance one space for your patriotism.</i></p>	<p>Heating fuel oil is unavailable. <i>Keep it on your shopping list while you return home and move the family sleeping area into a single room to conserve what heating fuel oil you have left.</i></p>
<p>You are discovered to be hoarding car fuel and the station manager refuses to sell you more. <i>You are unable to cross car fuel off your shopping list and you lose a turn for taking more than your fair share.</i></p>	<p>After 3 weeks of being unable to purchase car fuel, you go home empty-handed again. <i>Lose a turn while you discuss with your family other transportation options.</i></p>
<p>Because you winterize your home, your heating fuel oil is not needed this week. Instead, you use your fuel ration points towards tractor fuel. <i>Cross heating fuel oil and tractor fuel off your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>You are caught purchasing car fuel and then reselling it on the Black Market for three times its original cost. <i>Go to jail.</i></p>
<p>Waiting in line for 5 hours pays off and you are able to receive all your fuel rations. <i>Cross off car fuel, tractor fuel, and heating fuel oil from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Mississippi is unseasonably cold in January and you need to buy heating fuel oil but you have to wait until the next shipment arrives. <i>Keep heating fuel oil on your shopping list for your next trip to town.</i></p>
<p>You arrive early at the Service Station and receive everything on your shopping list. <i>Cross off everything on your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Your son sends his new French wife to stay with you until the war's end and he returns home. She goes to the Dry Goods Store but is unable to purchase anything. You explain that she must wait until the government issues her a ration book. <i>Lose one turn.</i></p>
<p>Your son has sent his Japanese wife to live with you until the war's end. She tries to help you with your shopping by taking your shopping list and her ration book to the Dry Goods Store but they refuse to wait on her because she is Japanese. You decide to take your business elsewhere and purchase the items on your Dry Goods shopping list from a mail order catalog. <i>Cross off everything on your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>You win first prize for your quilt at the state fair and win a bolt of cloth. You trade the bolt of cloth for baby supplies. <i>Cross off bolt of cloth and baby supplies from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>Your daughter-in-law and baby move in with your family while her husband is serving in the Marine Corps. She needs baby supplies but the store is all out. <i>Keep baby supplies on your shopping list for your next trip to town.</i></p>	<p>Your spouse has been shipped overseas and you need stationery to write them but paper is in short supply. <i>Keep stationery on your shopping list for your next trip to town.</i></p>

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By _____ (ISSUING OFFICIALS)

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<p>You have taken the time to fill out a certificate requesting additional sugar to can produce from your Victory Garden and your request is approved. <i>Cross off sugar, vegetables, fruit, and canning supplies your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Your neighbor has given you some seeds to start a Victory Garden and you need garden tools to get started. <i>Cross off garden tools from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>You forget to bring your empty toothpowder container to the store and cannot purchase a new one so you purchase school supplies instead. <i>Cross off school supplies from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Your daughter is pen pals with a British girl who has lost both her parents in the Blitz. She needs school supplies in order to begin her school year and your daughter wants to send her some. <i>Cross school supplies off your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>You repair your shoes instead of purchasing a new pair. Use your shoe ration for shoes for your daughter. <i>Cross shoes off your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Your son's college plans are put on hold when he is drafted. <i>Cross school supplies off your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>Your sister visits from the next county and brings her children's outgrown clothes to pass on to your children, including a hat, jacket, and shoes. You use your ration points to buy her a bolt of cloth and baby supplies. <i>Cross hat, jacket, shoes, bolt of cloth, and baby supplies off your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>You get everything on your Dry Goods Store shopping list. <i>Cross off everything on your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>After waiting in line at the Butcher Shop for 2 hours you arrive at the counter and discover that they are sold out. <i>You are unable to cross off anything from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>You are caught purchasing meat and then reselling it on the Black Market for three times its original cost. <i>Go to jail.</i></p>
<p>You are caught attempting to use a counterfeit ration book. <i>Go to jail.</i></p>	<p>Your brother has been released from a POW camp in Germany and is convalescing at your home. The doctor recommends he eat red meat to help regain his strength. You use your meat ration points on red meat but must keep white meat on your shopping list for your next trip to town. <i>Cross roast and ground beef off your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>The butcher does not have any chicken in his shop today but you realize that you could trade a jar of your prize muscadine jam to your neighbor for one of their hen house chickens. <i>Cross off chicken from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>You slaughtered a hog on your farm so you buy a roast and ground beef at the Butcher Shop. <i>Cross off all meat from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>To help save meat for the troops fighting overseas, you have decided to embrace the idea of "Meatless Mondays." You purchase pork chops and chicken for your dinners this week but decide that is all the meat you will purchase. <i>Cross off pork chops and chicken from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>You had a successful hunting trip. <i>Cross off all the meat from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>The butcher slaughtered a cow and a hog he purchased from a nearby farm and is well stocked today. <i>Cross off all meat from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>The loss of a major battle in Europe has caused Americans to panic. They rush the Butcher Shop, buying up all its stock. You arrive too late to purchase anything. <i>You are unable to cross off anything from your shopping list.</i></p>

Dry Goods Store
Shop Cards

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<p>You have offered to take in a Jewish refugee, but because they are Kosher you cannot use your meat ration points on pork. Instead you purchase chicken, a roast, and ground beef. <i>Cross these items off your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Instead of detaching your ration stamp from its booklet at the cashier's counter as is required, you attempt to use a loose stamp. The cashier refuses to accept it and you are unable to make your purchase. <i>Lose one turn.</i></p>
<p>As the war continues, meat becomes less and less plentiful. <i>Today all the Butcher Shop has is fish and although you purchase it, you are unable to cross off any meat from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>There is no sugar at the Grocery Store today but you are able to purchase everything else on your Grocery Store shopping list. <i>Cross off everything except sugar from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>Your daughter wins a contest sponsored by the local newspaper for the best Wartime Ration Recipe. Her prize is a sack of flour. You use your ration points to purchase salt and cooking fat so you can make homemade biscuits to celebrate. <i>Cross flour, salt, and cooking fat off your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Your cousin from Wisconsin passes through town on her way to a new job at the Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula. She brings you a box of cheese from her family's dairy farm. You use your ration points to purchase milk, eggs, and butter. <i>Cross off cheese, milk, eggs, and butter from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>A British family has relocated to your town. You buy sugar to make them a welcome cake. Because they are tea drinkers, they use their coffee ration to purchase coffee and gift it to you in thanks. <i>Cross off sugar and coffee from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>The Grocery Store is out of coffee but you are able to purchase everything else on your Grocery Store shopping list. <i>Cross off everything except coffee from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>You have used your flour ration for the week but are able to purchase everything else on your Grocery Store shopping list. <i>Cross off everything except flour from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Instead of detaching your ration stamp from its booklet at the cashier's counter as is required, you attempt to use a loose stamp. The cashier refuses to accept it and you are unable to make your purchase. <i>Lose one turn.</i></p>
<p>You are caught attempting to use a counterfeit ration book. <i>Go to jail.</i></p>	<p>Your Victory Garden was a huge success last year and you canned all the fruits and vegetables you need. You use your ration points to purchase sugar, flour, salt, and cooking fat. <i>Cross off fruit, vegetables, sugar, flour, salt, and cooking fat from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>The doctor said that you need more fruit in your diet but there is none in the Grocery Store today. <i>Keep it on your list for your next trip to town.</i></p>	<p>You slaughtered a hog on your farm and need salt to cure the meat. <i>Cross off salt and all pork products from your shopping list.</i></p>
<p>You decide to purchase canned, condensed milk instead of fresh and use your ration points for butter instead. <i>Cross off milk and butter from your shopping list.</i></p>	<p>Because you keep a dairy cow at home you have plenty of butter, milk, and cheese and can use your ration points for cooking fat and eggs. <i>Cross off butter, milk, cheese, cooking fat, and eggs from your shopping list.</i></p>

Butcher Shop Cards

Grocery Store
Shop Cards

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