

# Welcome to White Center Mini Market Halal and Deli



**Halal Foods for Your Family: Neighborhood halal grocery with fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, and dairy, and imported dry goods for the well-stocked kitchen. Specializing in a complete spice selection for East African and Indian foods. Variety of glassware, cookware, plastic storage, perfumes, toys, cleaning supplies, and other home essentials.**

## Healthy & Delicious Halal Foods

“If someone tells me they want to open a new business,” says Ayan Kaynan, “I encourage them to try and see for themselves.” Ayan’s family came to Seattle from Somalia in 1999. A few years ago her mother got the idea to start a halal grocery in White Center. “We like the community,” Ayan affirms, “and we like helping people.” White Center Mini Market Halal and Deli opened in 2009 with healthy foods for neighborhood families.

Ayan purchases local fruits and vegetables wholesale from Charlie’s Produce. Fresh choices at White Center Mini Market Halal and Deli include watermelon and cantaloupe, citrus (lemons, limes, and oranges), red apples and green bananas, tomatoes and potatoes, and of course—onions. “My family’s favorite fruits,” says Ayan, “are pineapple, watermelon, and mango.” Whole wheat bread is up front, and fresh fruit juice, milk, cheese, and eggs are in the refrigerator. Customers will find halal chicken patties, pita bread, and other prepared foods in the freezer. The deli menu offers Italian sandwiches, gyros, steak tortillas, sambusa, and mandhazi (fried sweet bread). “I sell lots of spices, seasonings, beef, lamb, and chicken,” Ayan explains, “we get our halal meats from a wholesaler in Kent.”

White Center Mini Market Halal and Deli is well-stocked with spices, grains, beans, and other staples. Fenugreek, tandoori mix, paprika, curry, sumac, and nutmeg are just a few of the aromatic choices. Grains and beans include corn meal, pearl barley, red lentils, adzuki, mung beans, hominy, cow peas, and hulled sesame seeds. “Some of the biggest challenges for a grocer,” says Ayan, “are ordering stuff and organizing.” She stocks subag (ghee), cooking oils (olive, sesame, vegetable), mango pulp, custard powder, coconut flakes, sweet dates, Vimto fruit cordial, baby food, Similac formula, dry milk, Banadir One instant coffee (flavored with ginger, cardamom, and cinnamon), and imported teas like Ketepa Pride, Alwazah, and Kericho Gold.

One-stop grocery shopping is easy at White Center Mini Market Halal and Deli. Customers who cook East African and Indian meals will find everything on their list in the market. Need a tasty dinner idea? Ask Ayan: “Sambusa,” she suggests with a nod and a small grin, “beef and veggies with onions. Spicy!”



### TOYS, HOUSEWARES & GIFTS FOR THE HOME

White Center Mini Market Halal and Deli stocks more than food. Personal care, toiletries, henna, cologne, perfume, and other items are available to help you look and feel your best. Keep the house in order with attractive glassware, sturdy cookware, and convenient plastic storage containers. Need to cook without the kids in the way? Pick up a couple toys from the center of the market. All the standards are here too: cleaning supplies, paper goods, detergents, kitchen trash bags, and air fresheners. Come to White Center Mini Market Halal and Deli for fresh, healthy foods and more for the home.

### WHAT DOES HALAL MEAN?

Halal is an Arabic word meaning lawful or permitted. When used for food and personal care items, halal identifies products that are prepared according to the ethics of Islamic dietary laws (just as the Yiddish word kosher is used to identify foods which are permitted under Jewish dietary laws).

### WHITE CENTER MINI MARKET HALAL AND DELI

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