

Meal Plans

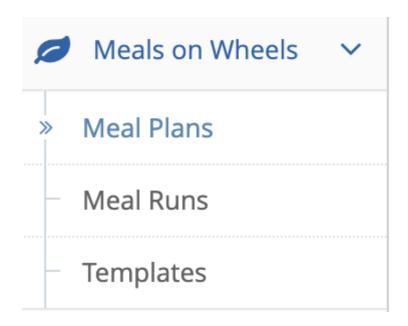
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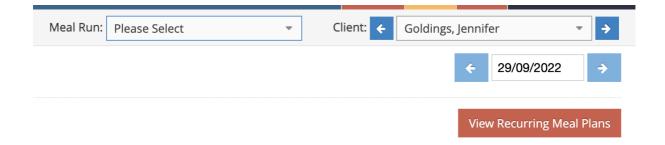
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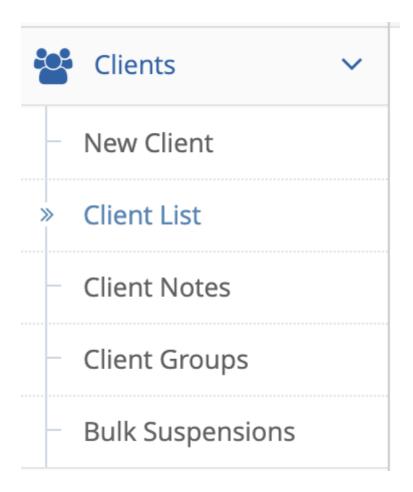
There are a few ways to get to a client's meal plan:

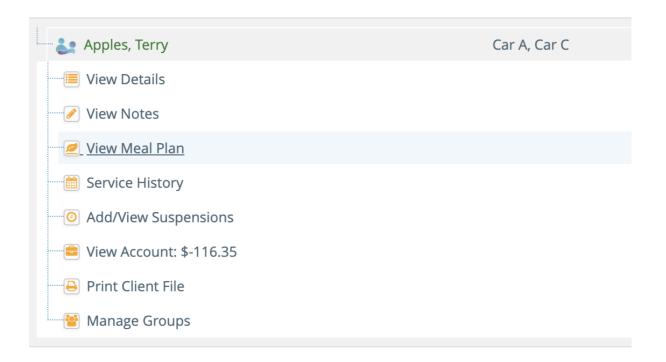
1. Click the **Meals on Wheels** option in the menu and select **Meal Plans**. Then select the client from the **Client** bar in the top right.



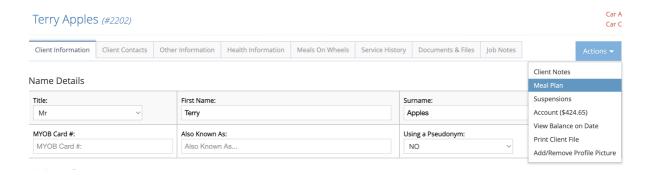


2. Click the **Clients** option in the menu and select **Client List** (or use the **Clients** shortcut button above the main menu). Select the desired client, and click on the **View Meal Plan** option under their name.



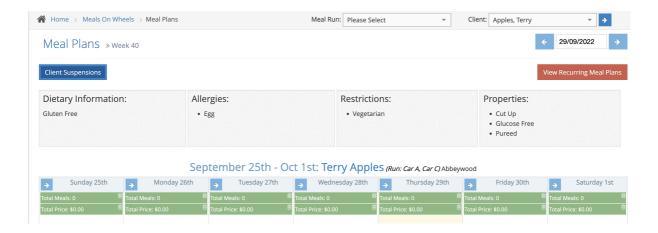


3. Navigate to the client's **Client Page**. Click the **Actions** button, and select the **Meal Plan** option.



The client's Meal Plan Page is a weekly view of all meals the client will be receiving. Each day lists the individual meals to be delivered on that day, as well as the total number of meals and total price.

If a client has anything listed in the free-form **Dietary Requirements** field on their Client Page, it will be displayed on this page, as well as their **allergies**, **restrictions** and **properties**. If a client has a **suspension** during the selected week, it will be displayed on this page.



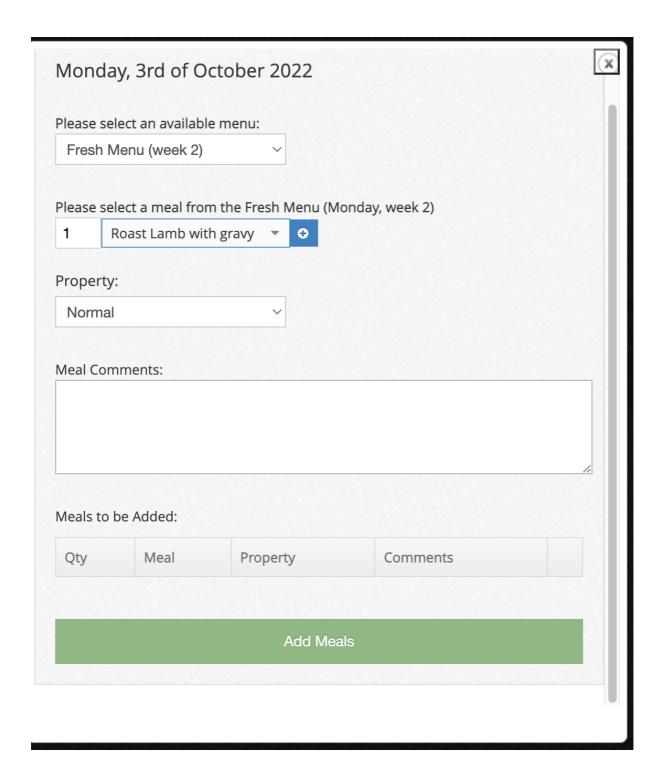
You can use the **Date Arrows** to move between weeks, or click the **Date** to view a particular date.

The meals on this page are colour-coded for convenience:

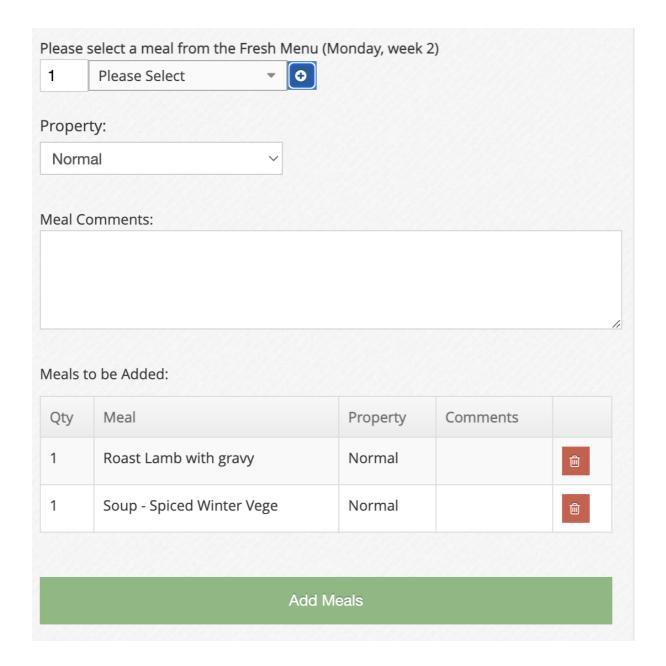
- Dark Blue: an Ad-Hoc or Once-Off meal. This meal will only be delivered on that date to that client.
- **Light Blue:** a **Recurring** meal. This meal will continue to be delivered to this meal based on their recurring meal plan.
- **Purple:** an **Allergic** meal. This meal has an ingredient that the client is allergic to.
- **Red:** a **Cancelled** meal. This meal could have been specifically cancelled, or the client may have a suspension on that date.

Add and Remove Ad-Hoc Meals

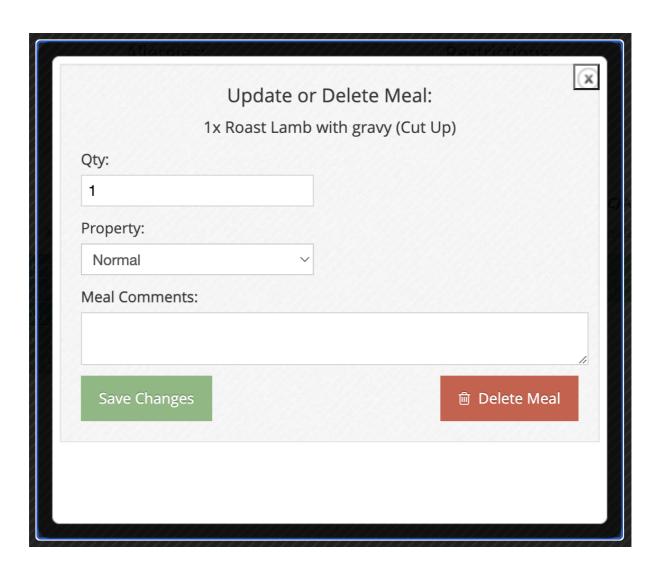
To create a new **Ad-Hoc** meal, simply click the blue **Arrow** button on the particular date you're adding a meal for. This will bring up the **Add Meal** pop-up, where you can select one or more meals from a single available menu to add for that date. If the selected meals has **Properties**, you'll be able to select those here.



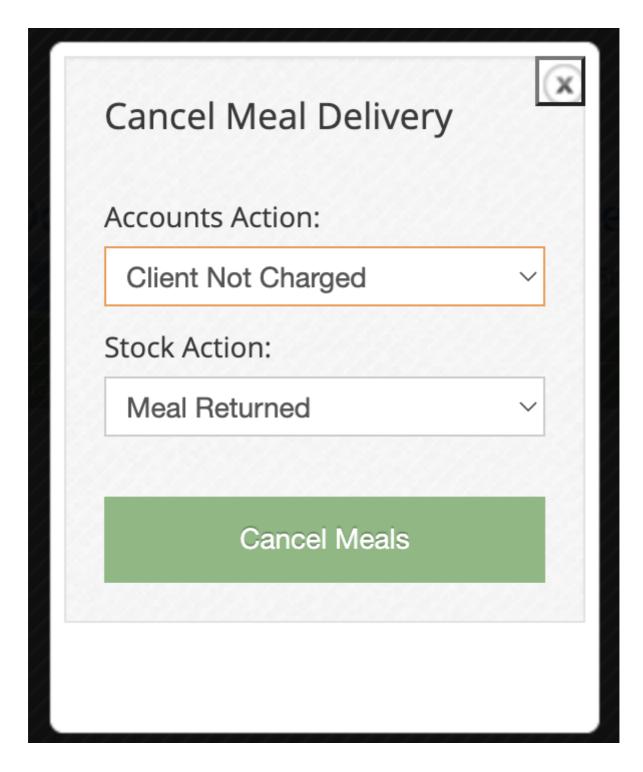
Once you've selected the menu and a meal, click the blue **Plus** button to add that meal to the "Meals to be Added" list. You can then select more meals, clicking the Plus button each time, to fill out the list. Once you're happy with the list of meals to be added, click the **Add Meals** button to add the meals.



To **Delete** an ad-hoc meal, just click the meal on the Meal Plan. This will bring up a pop-up where you can choose to update or delete that meal.



If you select Delete, another pop-up box will appear and you'll need to fill out the Accounts and Stock actions to confirm the meal cancellation.



To **Delete All Meals** for one day, click the Total for that day - You'll be given the option to Cancel or Un-cancel all meals for that day.



To **Cancel** a recurring meal, click the meal on the Meal Plan. A cancelled meal doesn't remove the meal from the recurring meal plan forever, just cancels that one specific delivery.

Create Recurring Meal Plans

A **Recurring Meal Plan** is a meal plan that appears on reports and the meal plan page every week between its start and end dates. These are very useful for clients who get the same thing every week, or who have decided on a set of meals for a period of time (eg: they have selected all meals for a month).

To view the recurring meal plans of a client, go to that client's Meal Plan Page. Then click the **View Recurring Meal Plans** button. The Recurring Meal Plans page will list all recurring meal plans for a client. Each meal plan lists the associated menu, the start and end dates of the meal plan, and the total amount of meals in the plan. You

can also filter the meal plans by their status: Past, Present or Future. Meal plans are coloured based on their status:

- **Red:** A **Past** meal plan. A meal plan that starts and ends in the past.
- **Green:** A **Present** meal plan. A meal plan that starts in the past (or today), and ends in the future (or has no end date).
- **Blue:** A **Future** meal plan. A meal plan that starts in the future, and either ends in the future or has no end date.

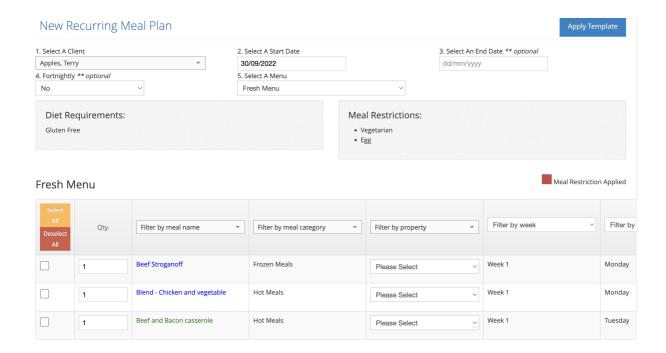


You can **View** and **Copy** existing meal plans from this page, as well as **Create** new meal plans.

To **Create** a new meal plan, click the **New Recurring Meal Plan** button on a client's Recurring Meal Plans Page. This will take you to the New Recurring Meal Plan page.



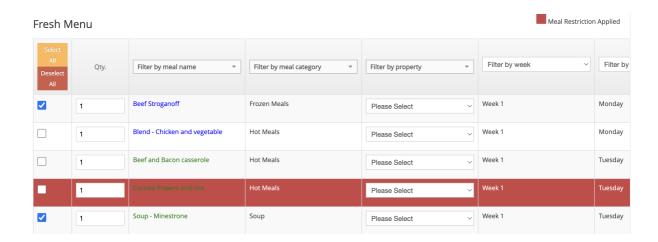
Here, you must select a number of options. To start with, the **Client**, which is prefilled with the client whose Meal Plan Page you were on. Then the **Start Date**, which is pre-filled with today's date. The **End Date** is optional: if you don't fill this in, the meal plan will continue indefinitely. The **Fortnightly** option means that the plan will only be activate once per fortnight. The **Menu** determines which meals will be displayed.



Note: once you change the **Start Date**, the list of available menus will be refreshed, and all meals will vanish. For this reason, please select the dates of the meal plan before the menu.

Once you've selected the **Start Date** (and optionally, the **End Date**) and the **Menu**, you'll be presented with a list of all meals in that menu. You can filter these meals by their **Name**, the **Category**, the **Week** of the menu they appear on, the **Day** of the week they appear on, and the **Property** selected.

To select a meal to add to the meal plan, just check the **checkbox** next to its name. The **quantity** is pre-filled with "1", but you can change that if the client would like more of that meal.



When you're done, click the **Save Meal Plan** button to add the meal plan to the client. You'll be able to see all these meals on the client's Meal Plan Page.

Save Meal Plan

Apply Template

Note: If you have selected any meals the client is **allergic** to, you'll be warned and have to change those meals before you can save the meal plan.

Update Recurring Meal Plans

Updating a recurring meal plan can affect past accounts and meal plan histories for your clients.

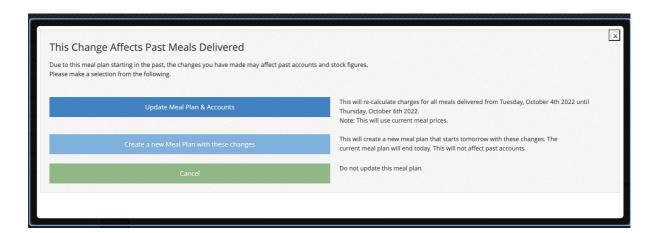
If you want to make a change that will only affect the plan going forward, you need to **copy** the recurring meal plan and make the changes to the new meal plan. That way, the changes won't affect the client's history; they'll only take effect going forward.

Polixen can automatically do this for you, or you can follow the manual procedure.

The automatic procedure

Update the current meal plan. Then click the **Save** button.

On the popup, click the second option: "Create a new Meal Plan & Accounts". This will end the current meal plan and apply your changes to a copy of the meal plan that starts on the next day.



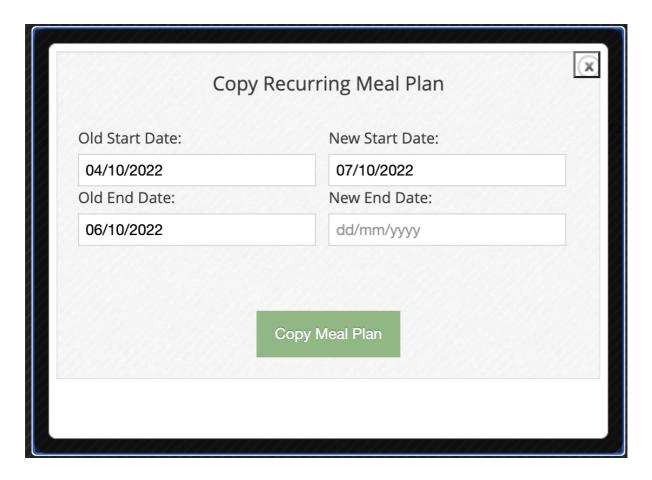
Note: Occasionally you **do** want to update the accounts and meal history for the client. In this case, click the first option to simply update the current meal plan.

The manual procedure

Copy the current recurring meal plan by clicking the yellow **Copy** icon next to the meal plan on the client's Recurring Meal Plans page.



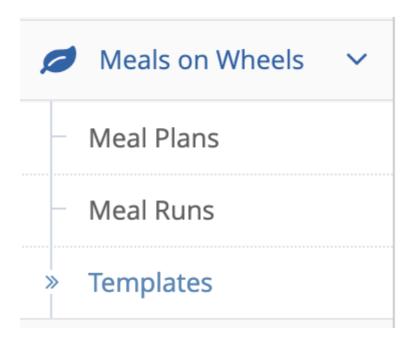
End the current recurring meal plan (set its **End Date** to today) and **Start** the new recurring meal plan (set its **Start Date** to tomorrow).



Update the new recurring meal plan's meals.

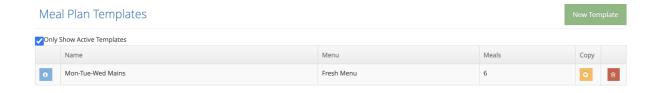
Meal Plan Templates

If many clients have the same meal plan, it can help to use **Meal Plan Templates**. A template is simply a list of meals that can be copied into a recurring meal plan when creating it. To view all templates on your system, click the **Meals on Wheels** option in the menu and select **Meal Templates**. You'll be taken to the Meal Plan Templates page.

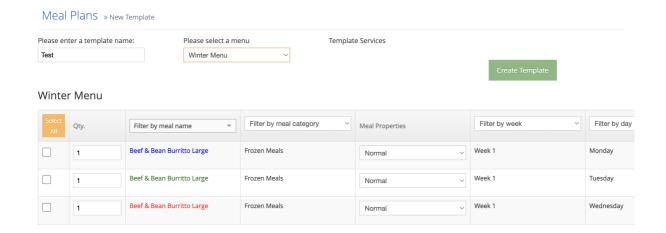


To **View** an existing template and **Update** it, click the blue **Information (I)** button next to its name.

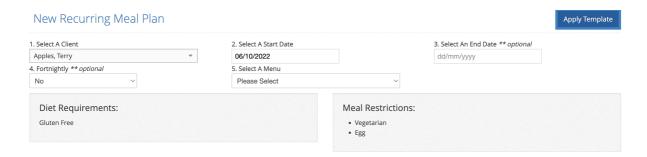
To **Delete** an existing template, click its red **Garbage Bin** icon.



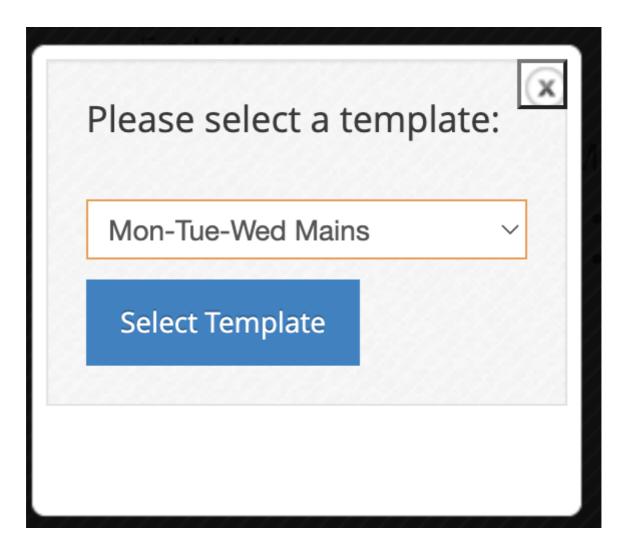
To create a new meal plan template, click the **New Template** button. Creating a template is very similar to creating a Recurring Meal Plan: once you give the template a **Name**, and select a **Menu**, you'll be able to select meals from that menu. Once you've selected the desired meals, click the **Create Template** button to save it.



When you're creating a Recurring Meal Plan, you can apply a template to speed up the process. To do so, click the **Apply Template** button on the New Recurring Meal Plan page. You'll see a list of templates with the same **menu** as the meal plan.



Select a template and click the **Select Template** button to copy the meals into the meal plan.



Note: It's important to note that there is **no link** between a template and a meal plan. Applying a template just **copies** the meals into the meal plan.