



Choose MyPlate

Here are several tips to put healthier meals on your plate!

Make half your plate fruits and vegetables: Fruits and vegetables are great sources of nutrients that promote good health. Choose a variety of produce with colors such as red, orange and dark green.

Make half your grains whole grains: Look for the words "100% whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" on food labels. Replace a refined grain product for a whole grain one – try brown rice instead of white rice or oatmeal instead of cold cereal for breakfast!



3 servings per container Serving size 2/3 cu	p (55g
Amount per serving Calories	230
% Da	ily Value
Total Fat 8g	109
Saturated Fat 1g	59
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol Omg	09
Sodium 160mg	7 9
Total Carbohydrate 37g	139
Dietary Fiber 4g	149
Total Sugars 12g	
Includes 10g Added Sugars	209
Protein 3g	
Vitamin D 2mcg	109
Calcium 260mg	209
Iron 8mg	459
Potassium 235mg	69

Choose lean protein: Fill up one quarter of your plate with protein sources like lean meats (chicken and turkey), beans or tofu. Twice a week, choose seafood for a boost of omega-3 fatty acids.

Don't forget dairy: Have a cup of skim or low fat milk with your meals. Try a fat free or low fat yogurt for dessert!

Enjoy your food but eat less: Eating too fast or when you're distracted may lead to overeating. Take the time to fully enjoy your food as you eat. Pay attention to hunger and fullness cues and use them to recognize when to eat and when to stop.

Compare sodium in foods: Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose foods lower in sodium (salt), especially soups, bread and frozen meals. Look for labels that say "no salt added" or "low sodium," and have less than 130 mg of sodium per serving.

Avoid oversized portions: Portion out the foods before you eat. Use a smaller plate, bowl, and glass. When eating out, choose a smaller portion size, share a dish or save part of your meal to take home and eat later!

Drink water instead of sugary drinks: Regular soda, energy drinks and sports drinks add a lot of sugar and calories to the typical American diet. Drink water or unsweetened beverages instead.

Balance calories to manage weight: Start by visiting www.ChooseMyPlate.gov and learning how many calories you need each day. Make time for regular physical activity for better health and more energy.

Foods to eat less often: Cut back on foods high in solid fats, added sugars and salt. Try to keep the %Daily Value less than 5% for saturated fat, cholesterol, and sodium. Some examples are cakes, cookies, ice cream, candy, sweetened drinks, pizza and fast food. You can still enjoy these foods as occasional treats, just not as everyday food choices.

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