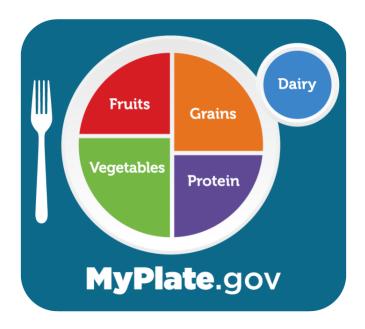


Healthy Nutrition Tips

The following guidelines can help you improve your health through a nutritious diet.



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Use this easy guide to build healthy meals. Including a variety of food groups helps ensure you get the right balance of nutrients. Below are some examples of heart healthy foods in each group:

Fruit: apples, bananas, peaches, berries, oranges, papaya, mango, kiwi
Vegetables: peppers, onions, broccoli, cauliflower, spinach, carrots, tomatoes, green beans
Grains: brown rice, wild rice, quinoa, 100% whole grain bread, barley, oats, farro
Protein: beans, lentils, tofu, nuts, seeds, seafood, skinless poultry, eggs, lean meats
Dairy: low-fat or non-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese

Visit MyPlate.gov for additional nutrition tips.

Check out The American Heart Association website, heart.org, for heart healthy recipe ideas.

Portion Size Guide

When trying to eat healthy, it helps to be aware of just how much you're eating. It can be easy to misjudge appropriate portion sizes. Use the comparisons below to help you determine the serving sizes on your plate.

- 1 cup = baseball
- 3 ounces fish = checkbook
- 3 ounces meat or poultry = deck of cards
- 1 ounce or 2 tablespoons = golf ball
- 1 tablespoon = poker chip
- 1 teaspoon = postage stamp

Tips for Reading Food Labels

The Nutrition Facts panel can help you make decisions when shopping for food. Keep these tips in mind:

<u>Serving size:</u> The information on the label applies to one serving. If you eat more than one serving, you get more nutrients.

<u>Total fat:</u> Choose foods with less than 5 grams of total fat per serving.

<u>Saturated fat:</u> Choose foods with less than 2 grams of saturated fat per serving.

Trans fat: Avoid trans fat as much as possible.

<u>Sodium:</u> Foods with 140 milligrams of sodium or less per serving are considered "low sodium."

<u>Added Sugars:</u> Choose foods with no more than 5 grams of added sugar per serving.

<u>Dietary fiber:</u> Choose foods with at least 5 grams of fiber per serving.

Courtesy of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics EatRight.org

Nutrition Facts 8 servings per container Serving size 2/3 cup (55g) Amount per serving Calories % Daily Value* Total Fat 8q 10% 5% Saturated Fat 1g Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 0mg 0% Sodium 160mg 7% Total Carbohydrate 37g 13% Dietary Fiber 4g 14% Total Sugars 12g Includes 10g Added Sugars 20% Protein 3g Vitamin D 2mcg 10% Calcium 260mg 20% 45% Iron 8mg 6% Potassium 235mg * The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories

a day is used for general nutrition advice.