

Eat Right

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Eat Right with MyPlate

Find your healthy eating style using these recommendations from the *2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines*.

Simply start with small changes to make healthier choices you can enjoy.



Make half your plate fruits and vegetables: Focus on whole fruits.

- Choose whole fruits –fresh, frozen, dried or canned in 100% juice.
- Enjoy fruit with meals, as snacks or as a dessert



Make half your plate fruits and vegetables: Vary your veggies.

- Try adding fresh, frozen or canned vegetables to salads, sides and main dishes.



Make half your grains whole grains.

- Look for whole grains listed first or second on the ingredients list - try oatmeal, popcorn, whole-grain bread and brown rice.
- Limit grain desserts and snacks such as cakes, cookies and pastries.



Vary your protein routine.

- Mix up your protein foods to include seafood, beans and peas, unsalted nuts and seeds, soy products, eggs, and lean meats and poultry.
- Try main dishes made with beans and seafood, like tuna salad or bean chili.



Drink and eat less sodium, saturated fat and added sugars.

- Use the Nutrition Facts label and ingredients list to limit items high in sodium, saturated fat and added sugars.
- Choose vegetable oils instead of butter and oil-based sauces and dips instead of ones with butter, cream or cheese.
- Drink water instead of sugary drinks.



Move to low-fat or fat-free milk or yogurt.

- Choose fat-free milk, yogurt and fortified soy beverages (soy milk) to cut back on saturated fat.
- Replace sour cream, cream and regular cheese with low-fat yogurt, milk and cheese.

Find more healthy eating tips at:

- www.eatright.org
- www.kidseatright.org
- www.ChooseMyPlate.gov

For a referral to a registered dietitian nutritionist and for additional food and nutrition information visit www.eatright.org.



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