Nutrition Education Handouts for Adults

(Can be used with Just Say Yes to Fruits and Vegetables Stellar Farmers Markets or Cook Fresh at Farmers Markets Curricula)

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Easy Ways to... Add More Fruits and Vegetables to Your Meals

Brighten up your plate with colorful fruits and vegetables at every meal.

Breakfast

Lunch and Dinner

Snacks



Mix fruit with yogurt, oatmeal or whole grain cereal.



Add vegetables to soups, stews or casseroles.



Enjoy fruit with peanut butter.



Include vegetables in an omelet or egg sandwich.



Mix vegetables with pasta, rice or couscous



Add vegetables to half of a sandwich.



Make a smoothie with leafy greens and frozen fruit.



Top tacos, pizzas and pita bread with vegetables.



Serve fresh vegetables with a bean dip.

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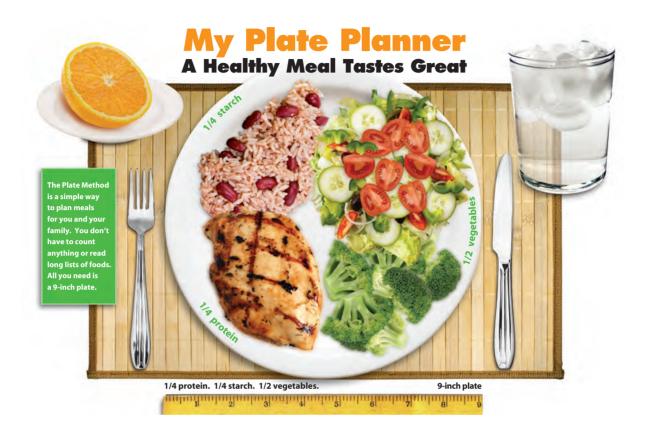
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Easy Ways to... Build a Healthy Meal



Fill half of your plate with **fruits and vegetables**. Choose colorful foods to brighten your meal.

Add **lean protein**. Choose proteins like beans, nuts, tofu, fish, and lean or low-fat meat and poultry.

Make a least half of your grains whole grains. Look for the words "100% whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" on the Nutrition Facts label.

Add a **healthy beverage**. Drink water or plain fat-free or low-fat milk.

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Easy Ways to... Choose Colors of Good Health

Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables to keep your body strong!

RED

FRUITS

Apples Cherries Cranberries Grapefruit* Grapes Raspberries Strawberries Watermelon

VEGETABLES

Beets Potatoes Radishes Rhubarb Peppers

YELLOW/ ORANGE

FRUITS

Apricots
Cantaloupe
Mangoes*
Nectarines
Oranges*
Papayas*
Peaches
Pineapples*
Lemons*

VEGETABLES

Butternut squash Carrots Pumpkin Rutabaga Summer squash Sweet corn Sweet potatoes

GREEN

FRUITS

Apples
Avocados*
Grapes
Honeydew melon
Kiwifruit*
Limes*

VEGETABLES

Broccoli

Brussels sprouts
Okra
Peppers Peas
Spinach
String beans
Zucchini

BLUE/ PURPLE

FRUITS

Blackberries
Blueberries
Black currants
Driedplums
Elderberries
Grapes Plums
Raisins

VEGETABLES

Black beans Cabbage Eggplant Peppers Potatoes

WHITE/ BROWN

FRUITS

Bananas*
Pears
Dates*
Nectarines
Peaches

VEGETABLES

Cauliflower Garlic Mushrooms Onions Parsnips Potatoes Turnips

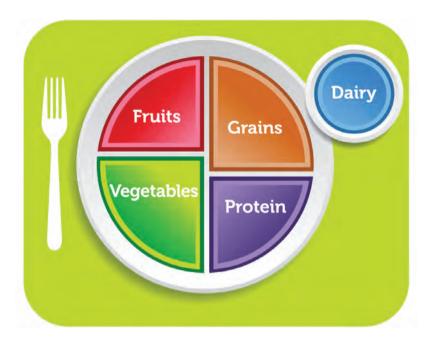
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Easy Ways to...

Choose Healthy Portions



- 1. Start with a 9-inch plate.
- 2. Use your hand to measure your portions.
- 3. Fill half of your plate with fruits and vegetables.
- 4. Fill a quarter of your plate with lean protein.
- 5. Fill a quarter of your plate with whole grains.











For **fruits**, **vegetables** and **grains**, a portion is the size of your fist. This equals:

- 1 cup of chopped vegetables
- 1 medium apple
- 1 cup of brown rice or pasta

Try to eat five portions a day.

For **lean protein**, a portion is the size of your palm. This equals:

- 3 ounces of fish
- 3 ounces chicken

Try to eat **three portions** a day.

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Easy Ways to ... Cook with Beans

	Store	Prepare	Cook	
		Sort beans to remove any shriveled beans.		
	Place dry beans in a container with a tight lid and store in a cool, dry place for up to one year.	Quick Soak: Cover dry beans with hot water; boil for two to three minutes. Remove from heat and cover for one to two hours. or	When cooking beans, add acidic foods (like tomatoes, lemon juice or vinegar) at the end. Acidic foods will toughen bean skins.	
Dried		Overnight Soak: Cover dry beans with cold water; soak overnight or for at least eight hours. Rinse and replace water; cook until tender.	Cook one big pot of beans and use for multiple meals.	
		Thaw frozen beans overnight in the fridge for cold recipes.	Flavor with salt-free spices and fresh herbs.	
Cooked	Refrigerate cooked beans for four to five days or freeze for up to six months.	Add cooked beans directly	Add to sautéed veggies or cooked greens and garlic.	
		to hot or cold recipes. When using beans in hot recipes, make sure they	Add to soups, stews, casseroles, salads and pasta dishes.	
		are thoroughly reheated.	Blend for dips.	
	Store leftover beans in a glass or plastic container (not in the can). Do not use dented or	Drain and rinse beans with water to reduce sodium.	Use canned beans the same way as cooked beans.	
Canned	rusted cans.			

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Easy Ways to... Cut the Salt

At the Store

Choose foods with less than 5 percent Daily Value of sodium (salt) per serving.

Saturated Fat 2.5g	13%
Trans Fat 0g	
Chelesterol Omg	0%
Sodium 120mg	5%
Total Carbohydrate 7g	2%
Dietary Fiber 2g	8%
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- Buy whole foods as often as possible.
- Fill your cart with fruits and vegetables.
- If buying packaged foods, choose those labeled:
 - √ "Low-sodium"
 - √ "Sodium free"
 - √ "No salt added"
- Instead of processed or cured meats, choose:
 - ✓ Lean cuts of meat and poultry
 - Fish
 - Beans and legumes
- Instead of quick-cooking rice mixes and noodles, choose:
 - ✓ Brown rice
 - ✓ Whole wheat noodles and pasta
 - ✓ Whole cornmeal
- Instead of salty snack foods, choose:
 - ✓ Fresh vegetables with a bean dip.
 - Whole grain crackers
 - ✓ Plain, lightly salted popcorn

At Home

- Make homemade soups and broths.
- Rinse canned beans and vegetables with water to reduce the amount of sodium.



- Create salt-free spice blends using your favorite spices.
- Add vinegar, lemon or orange zest and/or juice to foods.



- Flavor foods with fresh and dried herbs, spices and low sodium soy sauce.
- Avoid adding salt to the water when cooking beans, rice, pasta and vegetables.



 Slowly cut back on the amount of salt you add to food, until you are using little to no salt.

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Easy Ways to...

Eat a Variety of Proteins

Eat a variety of proteins as part of a healthy diet. Eat plant proteins more often.

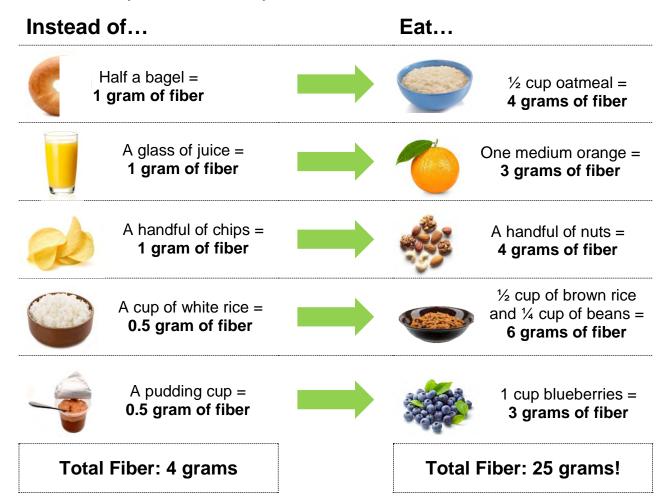
Beans and Lentils	Nuts and Seeds	Lean Animal Proteins
Make a three bean salad.	Spread nut butter on apple or banana slices.	Choose fish twice a week.
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Add beans to sautéed greens and eat with brown rice.	Add nuts to vegetables and salads.	Eat lean meat and poultry in the right portions – about the size of your palm.
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Make a bean dip to enjoy with vegetables.	Snack on a handful of unsalted nuts or seeds.	Bring a hard boiled egg with you for an easy snack.

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Easy Ways to... Eat Enough Fiber

Fiber may lower your risk of heart disease. Most adults need **25 grams** of fiber each day. Look how easy it is!



Tips for Eating More Fiber:

- Eat whole fruits and vegetables instead of juices, which have little to no fiber.
- Fruit and vegetable skins contain a lot of fiber. Wash and eat the peel.
- Check the Nutrition Facts label and choose foods with at least 10 percent Daily Value for fiber.
- Read the ingredients list and choose foods with whole grains listed first.

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Easy Ways to ... Eat the Whole Plant

Reduce waste! Cook with all parts of fruits and vegetables.

Part of Plant	Fruit or Vegetable	Ways to Cook
Roots	Celery root	Roast, mash or stew
Stems	Asparagus, beets, broccoli, cauliflower, chard, collards, fennel, kale	Braise or sauté; use woody part of asparagus in soup stocks; use peeled broccoli and cauliflower stems in soups or stir-fries
Greens or Tops	Beets, carrots, cauliflower, celery, fennel, kohlrabi, leeks, onions, radishes, turnips	Sauté, blend in green smoothies, flavor and garnish salads and soups
Flowers	Arugula, chives, cilantro/coriander, dill, fennel, garlic scapes, lavender, mustard, zucchini	Sauté or add to a salad, use garlic scapes to make pesto
Seeds	Pumpkin and other winter squashes	Roast and add spices and herbs for flavor
Peels	Citrus (lime, lemon, orange), potato	Bake potato peels for snacks; use citrus for zest
Rinds	Watermelon and other melons (cantaloupe, casaba, honeydew)	Shave outer peel and use in place of cucumber in salads
Cobs	Corn	Simmer to make a stock

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Easy Ways to Enjoy Fresh Greens



1. Buy

Choose greens with crisp, bright leaves with no yellow or brown spots.

2. Store

- Before storing:
 - Lettuce and salad greens: Wrap leaves in a dry paper towel
 - Bunched greens with stems (kale, collard greens):
 Chop off ends of stems and wrap ends in a damp paper towel.
 - o **Herbs:** Wrap entire bunch in a slightly damp paper towel.
- Keep all greens in the refrigerator, unwashed, in a sealed plastic bag.



3. Wash

- Place greens in a bowl and cover with water.
- Shake greens under the water to loosen any dirt. Allow dirt to settle.
- Gently lift out greens and discard water. Repeat as needed.

4. Prepare

- Sauté onions and garlic in oil. Add leafy greens and cook until tender.
- Blend spinach or kale with frozen fruit to make a smoothie or with beans to make a delicious dip.
- Add chopped leafy greens to soups, stews and pasta sauces. Cook until tender.
- Add fruits, other vegetables, nuts or beans to raw chopped greens for a hearty salad.



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Easy Ways to... Flavor Food Without Salt

Spices

- Try adding a little pinch at a time.
- Sauté for 30 seconds in oil to release aroma.



Cinnamon: Use in oatmeal to add sweetness.



Cumin: Add to beans or meat.



Paprika: Use in a spice rub for chicken, meat or tofu.



Turmeric: Add to rice, chicken or vegetables for color.

Herbs

- Add dried and hard fresh herbs (like rosemary) at the beginning of cooking and soft fresh herbs (like parsley) towards the end of cooking.
- One teaspoon of dried herbs is equal to one tablespoon of fresh herbs.



Basil: Add to tomato sauce and pasta.



Cilantro: Mix into rice, beans or



Parsley: Sprinkle on grains, salads or stir-fries as a final touch.



Thyme: Add to roasted vegetables.

Fruits and Vegetables

- Caramelize aromatic and savory vegetables, herbs and/or spices before adding other ingredients by cooking on medium-high heat until they become brown and sweet.
- Add vinegar at the beginning and citrus juice at the end of cooking for the best flavor and balance.
- When adding spicy peppers, remove ribs and seeds for just a little spice.



Aromatic ingredients: Onions, garlic, carrots, peppers, celery, ginger.



Savory: Tomatoes, cooked potatoes, celery, mushrooms.



Citrus and vinegars: Juice and zest balance and brighten.



Peppers: Jalapenos, dried chilis, poblanos.

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Easy Ways to... Freeze Fruits and Vegetables

Freeze	Blanch (quick boil)	Cook
Put these in the freezer right away	Blanch these before freezing	Cook these before freezing
Berries Cherries* Corn (cut off the cob) Grapes Peaches* Plums* Peeled melon Winter squash *remove pits	Artichokes Eggplant Asparagus Green beans Broccoli Leafy greens Brussels sprouts Okra Cabbage Onions Carrots Parsnips Cauliflower Peppers Celery Summer squash Zucchini	Apples Beets Beans and legumes Potatoes Sweet potatoes Tomatoes Pumpkin Radishes Winter squash
Freezing Tips	Blanching Steps	Ways to Cook
 Wash all fruits and vegetables before freezing. Store food in a container with a tight-fitting lid. Write the date on the container before freezing. Food will keep for about six months. 	 Boil enough water to cover all produce in the pot. Clean produce. Chop into evensized pieces. Place produce in boiling water and boil until just tender (one to five minutes). Rinse under cold water until cool. Strain in colander, place in sealed container and freeze. 	 Bake or roast Sauté Boil Steam Poach

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Easy Ways to... Keep Food Safe

CLEAN your hands and surfaces often.

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
- Wash utensils and cutting boards regularly.
- Rinse produce under running water.



SEPARATE raw meats, poultry and seafood.

- Store them away from ready-to-eat foods in your refrigerator.
- Use separate cutting and preparation surfaces.
- Keep them away from other foods in your shopping cart.





COOK foods to a safe temperature.

- Heat foods to kill germs that can make you sick.
- Use a food thermometer to check internal food temperatures when cooking.

CHILL foods.

- Keep your refrigerator at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Refrigerate food within two hours of cooking or removing it from the refrigerator.
- Always thaw food in the refrigerator.



Safe Cooking Temperatures:

- Poultry: 165 degrees Fahrenheit
- Ground meats: 160 degrees Fahrenheit
- Whole cuts of beef, pork, veal or lamb:145 degrees Fahrenheit

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Easy Ways to... Make a Shopping List



1. Record your meals and snacks below. Try to include all five food groups in each meal, and at least two of the five food groups in every snack.

Day/Meal	Menu	Fruits	Veggies	Grains	Protein	Low-Fat Dairy
Monday, dinner	Zucchini Pasta Salmon Plums	Plums	Zucchini Onions Garlic Tomatoes	Whole wheat pasta	Salmon	1% milk

2. Look in your cabinets and refrigerator for ingredients. Make a shopping list of what you need to buy.

Example:

1.	Plums	1.	5.
2.	Zucchini		
3.	Garlic	<u>2.</u>	<u>6.</u>
4.	Tomatoes	3.	7
	Salmon	<u>3.</u>	<u> </u>
6.	1% Milk	4.	8.
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Easy Ways to... Read an Ingredients List

Choose items with a list that...

✓ Is short

As a general rule, the fewer ingredients a product has, the healthier it is.

✓ Is easy to understand

Choose foods with ingredients that have uncomplicated names.

✓ Includes whole grains

In breakfast cereals, crackers, pastas and breads, the word "whole" should appear as the first or second ingredient.

✓ Includes no or low sugar

Choose foods that do not have a lot of sugar (see Bread #2 below, where common names for sugar are shown in **bold**).

Bread #1: Healthier Choice

INGREDIENTS: 100% WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR, WATER, SOYBEAN OIL, MOLASSES, YEAST, WHEAT GLUTEN, CALCIUM PROPIONATE (TO PREVENT SPOILAGE), NON FAT MILK, SALT

Avoid items with a list that...

X Is long

As a general rule, long ingredients lists mean more sugars and additives.

X Is hard to understand

Avoid ingredients you do not recognize or cannot pronounce.

X Includes trans fat or partially hydrogenated oils

Trans fat increases your risk of heart disease by increasing "bad" cholesterol (LDL) and decreasing "good" cholesterol (HDL).

X Includes many sugars

Common names for sugars include cane sugar, honey, sucrose, glucose, fructose, dextrose, high fructose corn syrup, fruit juice concentrate, molasses and invert sugar.

Bread #2: Less Healthy Choice

INGREDIENTS: ENRICHED WHEAT FLOUR, CORN SYRUP, SUGAR, PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED SOYBEAN AND PALM OIL, SUCROSE, DEXTROSE, HIGH FRUTOSE CORN SYRUP, FRUCTOSE, GLYCERIN, POLYDEXTROSE, MODFIED CORN STARCH, SALT, SODIUM STEAROLY LACTYTALATE, PYRIDOXINE HYDROCHOLRIDE, RED #40, YELLOW #5

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Easy Ways to... Save Money by Buying in Season

Look for fruits and vegetables grown in New York State.









Spring

Fruits Apples

Vegetables

Asparagus

Beets

Broccoli

Cabbage

Cauliflower

Collard greens

Kale

Lettuce

Mushrooms

Mustard greens

Parsnips

Peas

Radishes

Rhubarb

Spinach

Sprouts

Summer

Fruits

Cherries

Melons

Strawberries

Peaches

Vegetables

Beets

Broccoli

Cabbage

Cauliflower

Celerv

Corn

Cucumbers

Garlic

Green Beans

Lettuce

Mushrooms

Okra

Onions

Peppers

Potatoes

Summer squash

Tomatoes

Zucchini

Fall

Fruits

Apples

Grapes

Pears

Raspberries

Watermelon

Vegetables

Beets

Broccoli

Cabbage

Garlic

Green beans

Lettuce

Mushrooms

Onions

Peppers

Potatoes

Pumpkin

Radishes

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Sweet potatoes

Turnip

Winter squash

Winter

Fruits

Apples

Vegetables

Beets

Cabbage

Carrots

Garlic

Mushrooms

Onions

Potatoes

Sweet potatoes

Winter squash

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Save Money on Healthy Food



Home

Plan your meals and snacks for the week and **make a grocery list**.

Keep your kitchen cabinets organized and take inventory to avoid buying foods you already have.



Reduce waste. Cook with all parts of fruits and vegetables.



Use leftovers. Make a soup, stir-fry or casserole using leftover vegetables, grains, meats or beans.

Farmers Markets

Buy fruits and vegetables in season. The prices are lower and the produce tastes better when it is the right time of year.



Stock up on fruits and vegetables when they are in season and freeze or can them for later use.



Use your EBT/SNAP benefits. For every \$2 spent at a New York City farmers market using EBT/SNAP get \$2 in Health Bucks, up to \$10 per day, to buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

Supermarket

Buy fresh, frozen or canned fruits and vegetables.

Buy dried beans, peas and lentils instead of more expensive proteins.



Buy whole foods instead of convenience items. For example, buy whole apples instead of pre-cut apples.

Buy less-expensive store brands instead of name brands.

Buy items such as oatmeal, rice, beans and flour in bulk or in family packs.



Instead of buying sweetened beverages, try tap water infused with citrus!

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Easy Ways to... Store Fruits and Vegetables

Properly stored fruits and vegetables stay fresh longer, taste better, maintain nutrients and save you money by reducing food waste.

Cool, dark and dry place: 1 to 3 months



Potatoes Sweet potatoes Winter squash Garlic Onions Shallots







Counter: 3 to 10 days (refrigerate when ripe)



Apples Grapes Peaches Plums Cherries Melons Pears Tomatoes



Refrigerator: 3 to 14 days

Asparagus*
Broccoli
Carrots
Chili peppers
Eggplant
Herbs*
Mushrooms
Peppers

Zucchini

Berries
Brussels sprouts
Cauliflower
Corn
Green onions

Corn Cucumbers
Green onions
Leafy greens* Leeks
Okra Peas
Radishes Summer squa

Summer squash
*keep in plastic bag



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Beets

Cabbage

Celery*

Easy Ways to... Understand Signs of Hunger and Fullness



Do...

- Eat at a table.
- Start with small servings.
- Chew slowly. It takes 20 minutes to know that you are full.
- Pay attention to how you feel and try to stop eating before you feel full.
- Enjoy your meals!

Don't...

- **X** Eat standing up.
- Overfill your plate.
- X Eat too fast.
- Skip meals. This makes you more likely to overeat at the next meal.
- X Eat in front of a screen.

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Easy Ways to... Use the Nutrition Facts Label

1. Start with serving size.

Check the number of servings per container and the size of each serving. The Nutrition Facts are based on one serving.

2. Aim to meet your daily calorie goal. Visit choosemyplate.gov/MyPlatePlan to calculate your personal calorie needs.

3. Limit:

- Saturated fat
- Trans fat
- Cholesterol
- Sodium
- Added sugars

4. Eat enough:

- Fiber
- Vitamin D
- Calcium
- Iron
- Potassium

5. Pay attention to the % (Percent) Daily Value (DV):

- 5 percent or less is LOW
- 20 percent or more is HIGH

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8 servings per container

Serving size

2/3 cup (55g)

Amount Per Serving

Calories

230

% Daily Value*
10%
5%
0%
7%
13%
14%
20%
6%
10%
20%
45%
6%

*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.

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Every Sip Adds Up

Sugary drinks are linked to cavities, weight gain, type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

20-ounce soda



About 16 teaspoons of sugar



240 calories

It would take 4,500 steps to burn off this drink.*

20-ounce sports drink



About 9 teaspoons of sugar



140 calories

It would take 2,500 steps to burn off this drink.*

16-ounce energy drink



About 14 teaspoons of sugar



220 calories

It would take 4,000 steps to burn off this drink.*

*Numbers may vary based on weight, height and the amount of energy expended.

Choose New York City tap water!



- √ 0 teaspoons of sugar
- ✓ 0 calories
- ✓ Healthy
- Clean
- ✓ Free
- ✓ Refreshing



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How much sugar is in your drink?

Sugary drinks—such as soda, sweetened iced tea, juice, and energy and sports drinks—are linked to weight gain, cavities, heart disease and type 2 diabetes.



Make better beverage choices:

- Drink and serve healthier beverages, like water or plain low-fat or fat-free milk.
- Add fresh fruit to your water.
- Check the amount of sugar in your drink by reading the Nutrition Facts label.

65 grams of sugar =

16 teaspoons of sugar!



The average adult should have no more than 12 teaspoons of added sugars per day.

This bottle of soda has too much sugar!

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Stock up with... Staple Foods



Store these basic foods in your pantry to make quick and easy meals and snacks.

Fruits and Veggies	Fresh, frozen, canned and dried fruits and vegetables are all great choices. Select fresh produce when in season.
Whole Grains	Oats, bulgur, 100 percent whole grain pasta and cornmeal are quick cooking whole grains. Make brown rice when you have more time. Use 100 percent whole grain breads, tortillas and crackers.
Protein Foods	Add lean proteins to your meals. Choose: ✓ eggs ✓ canned fish, such as tuna or salmon ✓ nut butters, such as peanut butter ✓ dried, low-sodium or no salt added canned beans ✓ nuts and seeds ✓ legumes, such as lentils
Low-Fat Dairy	Keep low-fat string cheese, low-fat plain yogurt and low fat milk in the refrigerator. With fresh fruit, all make great snacks.
Herbs and Spices	Store a variety of dried herbs and spices in a cool, dark place so they last longer.
Other Ingredients	Keep vegetable oils, vinegars, low-sodium soy sauce, low-sodium or no salt added broths, and low-sodium or no salt added canned tomatoes on hand to make meals in a hurry.

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