

MyPlate Daily Checklist

Find your Healthy Eating Style

Everything you eat and drink matters. Find your healthy eating style that reflects your preferences, culture, traditions, and budget—and maintain it for a lifetime! The right mix can help you be healthier now and into the future. The key is choosing a variety of foods and beverages from each food group—and making sure that each choice is limited in saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars. Start with small changes—"MyWins"—to make healthier choices you can enjoy.

Food Group Amounts for 1,000 Calories a Day





1 cup







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Focus on whole fruits Vary your veggies

Focus on whole fruits that are fresh, frozen, canned, or dried.

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Choose a variety of colorful fresh, frozen, and canned vegetables—make sure to include dark green, red, and orange choices.

3 ounces

Make half your grains whole grains

Find whole-grain foods by reading the Nutrition Facts label and ingredients list.

2 ounces

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.

2 cups

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

Choose fat-free milk, yogurt, and soy beverages (soy milk) to cut back on your saturated fat.



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

- Sodium to 1,500 milligrams a day.
- Saturated fat to 11 grams a day.
- Added sugars to 25 grams a day.

Be active your way: Children 2 to 5 years old should play actively every day.

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Write down the foods you ate today and track your daily MyPlate, MyWins!

Food group targets for a 1,000 calorie* pattern are:	Write your food choices for each food group	Did you reach your target?	
1 cup 1 cup of fruits counts as 1 cup raw or cooked fruit; or 1/2 cup dried fruit; or 1 cup 100% fruit juice.		Y	Limit: • Sodium to 1,500 milligrams a day. • Saturated fat to 11 grams a day. • Added sugars to 25 grams a day.
Vegetables 1 cup 1 cup vegetables counts as • 1 cup raw or cooked vegetables; or • 2 cups leafy salad greens; or • 1 cup 100% vegetable juice.		Y	Activity Be active your way:
Grains 3 ounce equivalents 1 ounce of grains counts as • 1 slice bread; or • 1 ounce ready-to-eat cereal; or • 1/2 cup cooked rice, pasta, or cereal.		Y	• Children 2 to 5 years old should play actively every day. Y N
Protein 1 ounce of protein counts as 1 ounce lean meat, poultry, or seafood; or 1 egg; or 1 Tbsp peanut butter; or 1/4 cup cooked beans or peas; or 1/2 ounce nuts or seeds.		Y	
Dairy 1 cup of dairy counts as 1 cup milk; or 1 cup yogurt; or 1 cup fortified soy beverage; or 11/2 ounces natural cheese or 2 ounces processed cheese.		Y	* This 1,000 calorie pattern is only an estimate of your needs. Monitor your body weight and adjust your calories if needed.
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