A Handy Guide to Picture Your Portions





Your 9-inch plate should be covered with:



Use your hand as a guide for food portions:



Eat from all the food groups daily to have a balanced diet.

Below is a sample daily intake of each food group for adults.

| Non-Starchy Vegetables | Proteins | Fruits | Dairy or Dairy Alternative | Grains or Starchy Foods |
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| 2 ½ cups daily | 5 ½ ounces daily | 2-3 cups daily | 3 cups daily | 6 ounces daily |
| Choose more dark, leafy greens like spinach. Try fresh or frozen vegetables without added salt. Add colorful vegetables for more nutrients. | Eat low- fat or lean red meats, poultry (without the skin), seafood or eggs. Try plant- based proteins like beans, peas, lentils, nuts, seeds or tofu (soy). Plant base proteins fall into both protein and starchy food. | Choose fresh fruit whenever possible. Drain and rinse any liquid before eating canned fruits. Add a variety of colors and types of fruits. | Choose low fat, non- fat, and unsweetened option. Try milk, yogurt, cheese or plant-based versions made from soy or nuts. Look for calcium- fortified dairy alternatives. | Make at least half your grains whole grains such as brown rice, quinoa, oats and legumes (beans and lentils). Try starchy vegetables like green peas, sweet potato and carrots. |



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