Healthy Eating During Pregnancy

During pregnancy, you need to consume enough calories, protein, fluids, vitamins and minerals to meet the needs for you and your baby. With a few adjustments, you can use the same healthy eating guidelines that everyone should follow. Use the "Healthy Plate" as a guide:



vegetables to provide vitamins, minerals & fiber.



Plate-type meal Fruit One quarter of your plate should include about 1 cup of a grain or a starchy vegetable. The second 1 piece or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup quarter should include 2 to 4 ounces of a lean meat or another protein food. Eat fruit with your meal to provide energy, vitamins, Meat & Protein Breads, Grains & minerals, and fiber. Starchy Vegetables 2 – 4 ounces Non-Starchy Vegetables 1 to 1-1/2 cups Half of your plate should include some green leafy vegetables or other non-starchy vegetables to provide vitamins, minerals and fiber.

Milk 1 cup of white milk



Milk provides energy, protein, vitamins A and D, calcium and phosphorus.

Breads, Grains Starchy Vegetables 1-2 servings per meal Breads • ¼ large bagel • 1 slice bread • ½ bun • ½ English muffin • ½ large biscuit • 5-6 crackers • 4-inch pancake • Frozen waffle ½ cup starchy foods • Pasta • Rice • Hot cereal • Bran Cereal ½ cup potato • 10-12 French fries • 1 oz. potato chips	Fruit <u>1 serving per meal</u> 1 small to medium pc • Apple • Pear • Peach • Orange ¹ ⁄ ₂ large banana 1 cup melon cubes • Cantaloupe • Honeydew • Watermelon 1 cup berries • Strawberries • Blueberries • Blueberries • Blackberries	(use lowest fat milk you can) 8 oz. buttermilk 4 oz. chocolate milk 6 oz. "light" yogurt (artificially sweetened, any flavor) Sweets <u>Use sparingly</u> ½ cup ice cream ¼ cup sherbet 6 vanilla wafers	Non-Starchy Vegetables 3-5 servings / day /2 cup cooked or 1 cup raw • Asparagus • Green beans • Wax beans • Italian beans • Beets • Broccoli • Brussels sprouts • Cabbage • Carrots • Cabbage • Carrots • Cauliflower • Celery • Cucumbers • Greens • Lettuce • Mushrooms • Okra • Onions	Meat and Protein 2-4 oz. per mealChoose lean cuts • Chicken • Turkey • Beef • PorkFish ShellfishCheese Cottage cheese EggsPeanut Butter Nuts SeedsHigher sodium choices (use less often) • User	Fat Use modestly Unsaturated choices (healthier choices) • Olive oil • Canola oil • Vegetable oil • Soft margarine • Mayonnaise • Salad dressing • Avocado • Guacamole Saturated choices (use less often) • Bacon • Sausage • Butter • Cream • Cream cheese • Shortening
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