

MYPLATE



MyPlate is fun for everyone. And it's easy to try!



Why Use MyPlate?

The balance of foods on MyPlate will help people get all the nutrients that they need in a day.

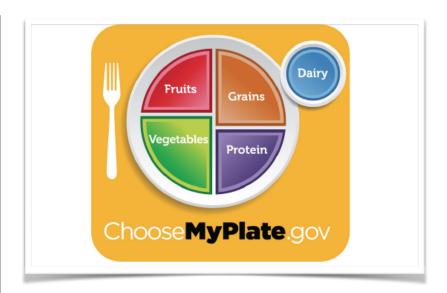
Plus, a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, as advocated by MyPlate, helps reduce your risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and certain cancers.



How Do I Use MyPlate?

It's easy to use MyPlate to improve your eating habits. Just make sure your plate looks like MyPlate at each meal. Fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables and be sure to choose whole grains, lean dairy, and varied proteins.

MyPlate also advises people to choose water instead of sugary drinks, and to control portion size, enjoying your food, but eating less of it.



Meet MyPlate's 5 Sections:

- Fruits may be fresh, canned, frozen, or dried, and may be whole, cut-up, or pureed. Fruit and 100% juice both count.
- Vegetables may be raw or cooked; fresh, frozen, canned, or dried. They may be whole, sliced, or mashed.
- Grain foods are made from wheat, rice, oats, cornmeal, barley, or another cereal grain. Choose whole grains.
- Foods made from meat, poultry, seafood, beans, peas, eggs, soy, nuts, and seeds are part of the **protein** group.
- Dairy foods include yogurt, milk, cheese, and calciumfortified foods. Choose skim when possible and limit options with added sugar.

