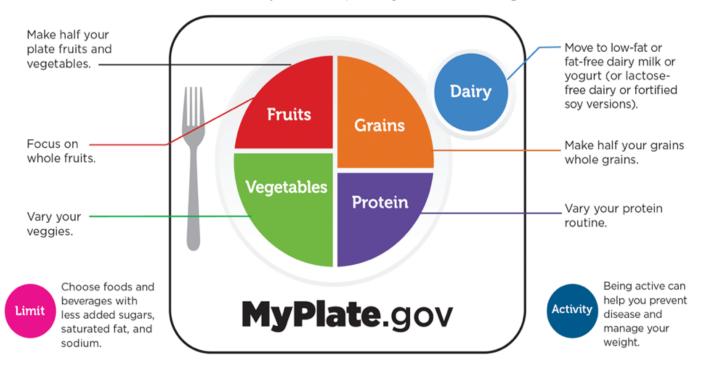
Start simple with MyPlate

Healthy eating is important at every life stage, with benefits that add up over time, bite by bite. Small changes matter.



<u>Tips</u>

- 1. **Focus on whole fruits.** Include fruit at breakfast! Top whole grain cereal with your favorite fruit, add berries to pancakes, or mix dried fruit into hot oatmeal.
- 2. **Vary your veggies**. Cook a variety of colorful veggies. Make extra vegetable and save some for later. Use them for a strew, soup, or pasta dish.
- 3. **Vary your protein routine**. Have a taco night! Try adding new protein like shrimp, beans, chicken, or beef.
- 4. **Make half of your grain's whole grains.** Add brown rice to your stir-fry dishes. Combine your favorite veggies and protein foods for a nutritious meal.
- 5. Move to low-fat or fat-free dairy milk or yogurt (or lactose-free dairy or fortified soy versions). Enjoy a yogurt parfait top with fruit and nuts.
- 6. **Drink or eat less added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium.** Cook at more often to limit. Read the nutrition facts labels.

Reference: Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA). January 2022.