

Tips on What to Eat vs. Limit

DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) is a flexible and balanced eating plan that helps create a heart-healthy eating style for life. It does not require any special foods and provides daily and weekly nutritional goals. The DASH eating plan supports overall heart health and helps lower high blood pressure and LDL “bad” cholesterol.


Eat This

Limit This

	Vegetables		Fatty meats
	Fruits		
	Whole grains		Full-fat dairy
	Fat-free or low-fat dairy		
	Fish		Sugar sweetened beverages
	Poultry		
	Beans		Sweets
	Nuts & seeds		
	Vegetable oils		Sodium intake

This plan recommends:

- Eating vegetables, fruits, and whole grains
- Eating foods rich in potassium, calcium, magnesium, fiber, and protein
- Choosing low-or reduced-sodium, or no-salt-added versions of foods
- Including fat-free or low-fat dairy products, fish, poultry, beans, nuts, and vegetable oils
- Limiting foods that are high in saturated fat, such as fatty meats, full-fat dairy products, and tropical oils such as coconut, palm kernel, and palm oils
- Limiting sugar-sweetened beverages and sweets

Find recipes, tools, and resources at
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