



## DASH Eating Plan

DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) is a flexible and balanced eating plan that helps create a heart-healthy eating style for life. It was named “Best Heart-Healthy Diet” and “Best Diet for High Blood Pressure” by U.S. News & World Report in 2025.

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Description of the DASH Eating Plan

The DASH eating plan requires no special foods and instead provides daily and weekly nutritional goals. This plan recommends:



- Eating vegetables, fruits, and whole grains
- 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

**Based on these recommendations, the following table shows examples of daily and weekly servings that meet DASH eating plan targets for a 2,000-calorie-a-day diet.**

Food Group	Daily Servings
Grains	6–8
Meats, poultry, and fish	6 or less
Vegetables	4–5
Fruit	4–5
Low-fat or fat-free dairy products	2–3
Fats and oils	2–3
Sodium	2,300 mg*
Weekly Servings	
Nuts, seeds, dry beans, and peas	4–5
Sweets	5 or less

\*1,500 milligrams (mg) sodium <sup>i</sup> lowers blood pressure even further than 2,300 mg sodium daily.

When following the DASH eating plan, it is important to choose foods that are:

- Low in saturated and *trans* fats
- Rich in potassium, calcium, magnesium, fiber, and protein
- Lower in sodium

The number of servings you should have each day depends on your daily calorie needs. Use these worksheets to see how your current eating habits compare to DASH. Find what counts as a serving size and more:

- [What's on Your Plate? \(1,200 calories/day\)](#)
- [What's on Your Plate? \(1,400–1,600 calories/day\)](#)
- [What's on Your Plate? \(1,800–2,000 calories/day\)](#)
- [What's on Your Plate? \(2,600 calories/day\)](#)

**Eat this:** vegetables, fruits, whole grains, fat-free or low-fat dairy, fish, poultry, beans, nuts and seeds, vegetable oils. **Limit this:** fatty meats, full-fat dairy, sugar sweetened beverages, sweets, sodium intake.

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