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:

Fruit 1 piece or ½ cup



Eat fruit with your meal to provide energy, vitamins, minerals, and fiber.

Sandwich-type meal

2 slices of bread with meat, cheese, egg, peanut butter or other filling



Include some salad or other non-starchy vegetables to provide vitamins, minerals & fiber.

Milk 1 cup of white milk



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

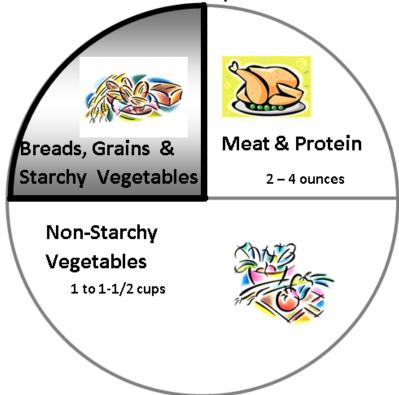


Plate-type meal

Fruit
1 piece or ½ cup



Eat fruit with your meal to provide energy, vitamins, minerals, and fiber. One quarter of your plate should include about 1 cup of a grain or a starchy vegetable. The second quarter should include 2 to 4 ounces of a lean meat or another protein food.



Half of your plate should include some green leafy vegetables or other non-starchy vegetables to provide vitamins, minerals and fiber.

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1 cup of white milk



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1-2 servings per meal 1 small to medium pc 8 oz. white milk • Apple • ½ cup cooked or (use lowest fat milk • ½ cup cooked or 1 cup raw • Asparagus	Choose lean cuts	Unsaturated choices (healthier choices)
 1 slice bread ½ bun Orange ½ English muffin ½ large biscuit 5-6 crackers 4-inch pancake Frozen waffle Cantaloupe Pasta Honeydew Hot cereal Bran Cereal Bran Cereal Bran Cereal Cap berries Braspberries Blueberries Blackberries ½ cup ice cream ¼ cup sherbet Green beans Wax beans Italian beans Beets Broccoli Brussels sprouts Cabbage Carrots Cauliflower Celery Cucumbers Greens Broccoli Brussels sprouts Cabbage Cauliflower Celery Cucumbers Greens Lettuce Mushrooms Okra 	 Beef Pork Fish Shellfish Cheese Cottage cheese Eggs Peanut Butter Nuts Seeds Higher sodium choices (use less often) Ham Turkey bacon Turkey sausage 	 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 Gravies Sour cream

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