Common Fats and Oils

Fat in your diet affects your heart. It is important to know which fats are healthy choices for your heart.

Types of Fat	Effect on Lipids	Food Sources
Saturated Fat "Animal Fat"	Raises total cholesterol	cream, butter, whole milk, ice cream, cheese,
Solid Fat	Lowers HDL (good) cholesterol	fatty meats, poultry skin
Partially Hydrogenated Fats	Raises LDL (bad) cholesterol	snack foods, cookies, crackers,
"Trans Fatty Acids" Solid Fat	Lowers HDL (good) cholesterol	cakes, margarine
Poly-unsaturated Fats	Lowers total cholesterol	vegetables oils,
Omega – 6	Lowers HDL (good) cholesterol	corn oil, safflower oil and
Liquid Oils		sunflower oil
Poly-unsaturated Fats	Lowers total cholesterol	
Omega – 3	Lowers triglycerides	
Liquid Oils		
Mono-unsaturated Fats	Lowers LDL (bad) cholesterol	olive oil, olives, canola oil, nuts,
	Maintains HDL (good) cholesterol when replacing saturated fat	avocados, and seafood



