Guide for Meal Planning



<u>Dietary Guidelines for Americans:</u> <u>Key Messages</u>

Balancing Calories

- · Enjoy your food, but eat less.
- · Avoid oversized portions.

Foods to Increase

- · Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.
- \cdot Make at least half your grains whole grains.
- · Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk.

Foods to Reduce

- · Compare sodium in foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals—and choose the foods with lower numbers.
- · Drink water instead of sugary drinks.

Go to <u>choosemyplate.gov</u> for more nutrition education about food groups and daily food plans.