Fruits and Vegetables Group

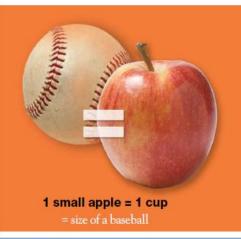


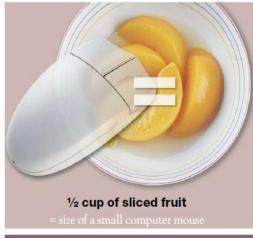
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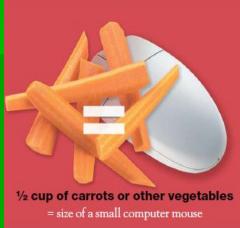
How Much Do We Need Each Day?



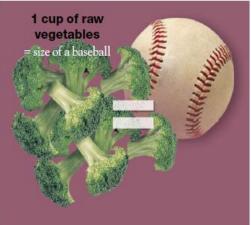












21/2 cups Vegetable Group

Why Do We Need To Eat Fruits and Vegetables?

NUTRIENTS!

- Calcium: Healthy bones and teeth.
- <u>Fiber:</u> Helps reduce the risk of heart disease.
- Iron: Healthy blood and normal functioning of all cells.
- Magnesium: Healthy bones and reduces muscle cramps and high blood pressure.

Why Do We Need To Eat Fruits and Vegetables?

- Vitamin A: Keeps eyes and skin healthy and helps protect against infections.
- Vitamin C: Helps heal cuts and wounds and keeps teeth and gums healthy.
- Potassium: Helps to maintain a healthy blood pressure.



- Blue/Purple: phytochemicals: anthocyanins and phenolics. Nutrients help lower the risk of some cancers and are good for urinary tract health, memory function.
- Examples: FRUIT
 blackberries, blueberries, grapes, plums, raisins, purple cabbage and eggplant.
- Examples: Vegetables
- Purple asparagus, Purple cabbage, Eggplant, Purple Belgian endive, Purple peppers, Purplefleshed potatoes

- Green lutein and indoles: promote strong bones and teeth, vision health and may lower the risk of some types of cancer.
- Fruits

Avocados, Green apples, Green grapes, Honeydew, Kiwifruit, Limes, Green pears

Vegetables

Artichokes, Arugula, Asparagus, Broccoli, Broccoli rabe, Brussels sprouts, Chinese cabbage, Green beans, Green cabbage, Celery, Chayote squash, Cucumbers, Endive, Leafy greens, Leeks, Lettuce, Green onions, Okra, Peas, Green peppers, Snow peas, Sugar snap peas, Spinach, Watercress, Zucchini

• White (includes tan and brown fruits and vegetables): phytochemical allicin: It promotes heart health, a lower risk of some cancers, helps boost T cells.

• Fruits

Bananas, Brown pears, Dates, White nectarines, White peaches

Vegetables

Cauliflower, Garlic, Ginger, Jerusalem artichokes, Jicama, Kohlrabi, Mushrooms, Onions, Parsnips, White-fleshed potatoes, Shallots, Turnips, White corn

■ Yellow/Orange: (vitamin C and the phytonutrients carotenoids and bioflavonoids). Heart and vision health, a healthy immune system and a lower risk of some cancers.

• Fruits

Yellow apples, Apricots, Cantaloupe, Cape gooseberries, Yellow figs, Grapefruit, Golden kiwifruit, Lemons, Mangoes, Nectarines, Oranges, Papayas, Peaches, Yellow pears, Persimmons, Pineapples, Tangerines, Yellow watermelon

Vegetables

Yellow beets, Butternut squash, Carrots, Yellow peppers, Yellow potatoes, Pumpkin, Rutabagas, Yellow summer squash, Sweet corn, Sweet potatoes, Yellow tomatoes, Yellow winter squash

- Red: (phytonutrients lycopene and anthocyanins). Healthy heart, memory function and a lower risk of some cancers.
- Fruits:

Red apples, Blood oranges, Cherries, Cranberries, Red grapes, Pink/Red grapefruit, Red pears, Pomegranates, Raspberries, Strawberries, Watermelon

Vegetables:

Beets, Red peppers, Radishes, Radicchio, Red onions, Red potatoes, Rhubarb, Tomatoes

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