

# Healthy Living at Hannaford

## Let's Eat for the Health of It!

Making healthy choices can be easy. Just follow these simple steps. Start with a balanced plate. Check out the USDA's new guide to helping Americans eat right.

#### The USDA's plate reminds us to:

- 1. Balance calories.
- 2. Enjoy your food, but eat less!
- 3. Avoid large portion sizes.
- 4. Make half your plate fruits and veggies!
- 5. Switch to fat-free or low-fat dairy products.
- 6. Make half your grains whole grains.
- 7. Cut back on foods high in saturated fats, trans-fats, and foods loaded with sugar and salt. Use these as treats.
- 8. Reduce your sodium by comparing nutrition labels on the foods you buy.



### Other simple ideas for healthy eating:

- 1. Start slowly and make changes over time. Changing everything all at once rarely works. Instead, take small steps, like adding a salad once a day or switching from butter to olive oil when cooking. As your small changes become habit, you can continue to add healthy choices to your diet.
- 2. Take time to chew your food slowly, savoring every bite. Taste your food and feel the textures of what is in your mouth.
- 3. Eat with others when possible. Meals with family and friends have numerous social and emotional benefits-especially for young kids. Eating alone in front of the computer or TV can often lead to mindless overeating.
- 4. Eat a healthy breakfast. It jump-starts your metabolism, helps to keep your energy up, and sets the pace for a healthy day.
- 5. Make sure you're getting real whole grains. Look for the words "whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" at the beginning of the ingredient list or look for the whole-grain stamp.
- 6. Plan out your meals each week. Pick a few healthy meals that you and your family like and build a meal schedule around them. By doing so, you can buy everything you need all at once rather than going to the store several times a week, saving you time, energy and money.



#### Interested in learning more?

Our registered dietitians hold classes, have on-the-sales-floor nutrition demonstrations and do healthy store tours. They can give you the information you need to make the healthy life style changes you want.

You can also email a private message to our staff registered dietitian, for free nutrition advice at hannaford.com/asknutritionist.