

Healthy Living at Hannaford

8 Simple Steps That Will Lead You to Good Health

1. Eat lots of vegetables

There are so many choices, from a simple plate of sliced fresh tomatoes drizzled with olive oil and topped with crumbled feta cheese to salads, garlicky greens, soups and stews, and healthy pizzas. Vegetables are vitally important to the fresh tastes and delicious flavors of the Mediterranean diet.



2. Change the way you think about meat

If you eat meat, have smaller amounts. For example, add small strips of sirloin to a vegetable sauté or garnish a dish of pasta with diced prosciutto. As a main course, have small portions (3 ounces or less) of chicken or lean meat.



3. Always eat breakfast

Start your day with fiber-rich foods, such as fruit and whole grains, that can keep you feeling pleasantly full for hours. Layer granola, yogurt and fruit for a delicious parfait.

4. Eat seafood twice a week

Fish, such as tuna, herring, salmon and sardines, are rich in heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids. Shellfish, including mussels, oysters and clams, have similar benefits for brain and heart health.

5. Cook a vegetarian meal one night a week

Build these meals around beans, whole grains and vegetables and heighten the flavor with fragrant herbs and spices.



6. Use good fats

Include sources of healthy (monounsaturated) fats in your daily meals, especially extra-virgin olive oil, nuts, peanuts, sunflower seeds, olives and avocados.

7. Enjoy some dairy

Eat Greek or plain yogurt and try small amounts of a variety of cheeses.

8. Eat fresh fruit for dessert

Instead of ice cream or cookies every day, save the sweets for a special treat. Choose from a wide range of fresh fruits – figs, oranges, pomegranates, grapes, apples, berries – the list goes on.



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