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Tips for Healthy Eating: Eating Out

When eating away from home, it can be hard to eat healthy. However, with these tips you can help stay on track for a healthy meal.

- As a beverage choice, ask for water or order fat-free or low-fat milk, unsweetened tea, or other drinks without added sugars.
- Ask for whole-grain bread for sandwiches, such as whole-wheat.
- In a restaurant, start your meal with a salad packaged with veggies. Salad provides many vitamins, can help control hunger and can help you feel satisfied sooner.
- Ask for salad dressing to be served on the side. Use only as much as you want.
- Choose main dishes that include vegetables, such as stir fries, kebobs, or pasta with a tomato sauce.
- Order steamed, grilled, or broiled dishes instead of those that are fried or sautéed. Choose a “small” or “medium” portion. This includes main dishes, side dishes, and beverages.
- Order an item from the menu instead of heading for the “all-you-can-eat” buffet.
- If portions at a restaurant are larger than you want, try one of these strategies to keep from overeating:
 - order an appetizer or side dish instead of an entrée
 - Share a main dish with a friend
 - If you can chill the extra food right away, take leftovers home in a to-go box or bag
 - Resign from the “clean your place club” - when you’ve eaten enough, leave the rest
- To keep your meal moderate in calories, fat, and sugars:
 - ask for salad dressing to be served on the side so you can add as much as you want
 - order foods that do not have creamy sauces or gravies
 - add little to no butter to your food
 - choose fruits for dessert most often
- On long commutes or shopping trips, pack some fresh fruit, cut-up vegetables, low-fat string cheese sticks, or a handful of unsalted nuts to help you avoid stopping for sweet or fatty snacks.



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