Healthy Eating During Pregnancy

During pregnancy, you need to consume enough calories, protein, fluids, vitamins and minerals to meet the needs for you and your baby. With a few adjustments, you can use the same healthy eating guidelines that everyone should follow. Use the "Healthy Plate" as a guide:

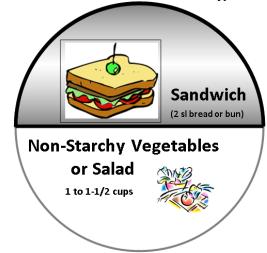
Fruit 1 piece or ½ cup



Eat fruit with your meal to provide energy, vitamins, minerals, and fiber.

Sandwich-type meal

2 slices of bread with meat, cheese, egg, peanut butter or other filling



Include some salad or other non-starchy vegetables to provide vitamins, minerals & fiber.

Milk 1 cup of white milk



Milk provides energy, protein, vitamins A and D, calcium and phosphorus.

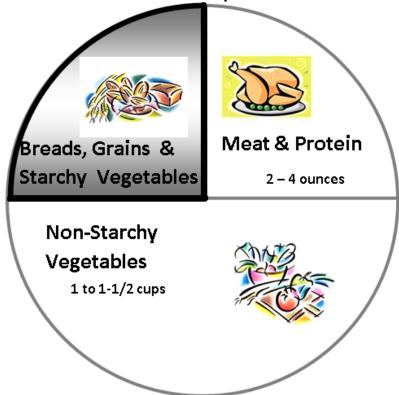


Plate-type meal

Fruit
1 piece or ½ cup



Eat fruit with your meal to provide energy, vitamins, minerals, and fiber. One quarter of your plate should include about 1 cup of a grain or a starchy vegetable. The second quarter should include 2 to 4 ounces of a lean meat or another protein food.



Half of your plate should include some green leafy vegetables or other non-starchy vegetables to provide vitamins, minerals and fiber.

Milk
1 cup of white milk



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 5-6 crackers 4-inch pancake Frozen waffle Cantaloupe Cup starchy foods Pasta 6 oz. "light" yogurt (artificially sweetened, any flavor) Brussels sprouts Cabbage Cattage cheese Cattage cheese Eggs 	Unsaturated choices (healthier choices)

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