Food Guide Check

Choose a healthy diet by following Canada's Food Guide. Use this checklist to see how your diet compares to the food guide.

- 1. Look at Canada's Food Guide to find the number of servings for each food group recommended for your age and gender. Write those numbers in the blanks in the Food Group column below.
- 2. Mark one box each time you eat 1 serving from a food group.
- 3. At the end of the day compare your marks to the number of servings recommended on the Food Guide. Get a copy of Canada's Food Guide online at: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/food-guide-aliment/index-eng.php.

Food Group	Examples of 1 Serving	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Vegetables and Fruit	Vegetable or fruit, 1 medium piece							
	Vegetable or fruit: fresh, frozen or canned, ½ cup (125 mL)							
	Dried fruit, ¼ cup (60 mL)							
	Leafy vegetables:							
I need	Cooked, ½ cup (125 mL)							
servings each day	Raw, 1 cup (250 mL)							
	Fruit juice, ½ cup (125 mL). Limit to one serving a day.							
Grain Products I need servings each day	Bread, 1 slice (35 g)							
	Cold cereal, unsweetened, 30 g or 1 cup (250 mL)							
	Hot cereal, ¾ cup (175 mL)							
	Flat breads (pita, tortilla), ½ of one (35 g)							
	Cooked rice, bulgur, or quinoa, ½ cup (125 mL)							
	Cooked pasta or couscous, ½ cup (125 mL)							
	Crackers, 4–6 (30 g)							
	Pancake, waffle, or roti, 1–6"							
	Bagel or bun, ½ small (45 g)							
	Muffin, 1 small homemade (35 g)							



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Milk and Alternatives	Milk or powdered milk (reconstituted), 1 cup (250 mL) Milk, evaporated, canned, ½ cup (125 mL) Fortified soy beverage, 1 cup (250 mL)		0 0 0					0 0 0
I need servings each day	Cheese, block, 1½ oz (50 g) Paneer, 1½ oz (50 g) Yogurt or kefir, ¾ cup (175 mL)							
Meat and Alternatives	Cooked fish, shellfish, poultry, lean meat, 2½ oz (75 g) Cooked dried beans, peas, or lentils, ¾ cup (175 mL) Tofu, ¾ cup or 175 mL or 150 g							
I need servings each day	Eggs, 2 Peanut butter or nut butters, 2 Tbsp (30 mL) Shelled nuts and seeds, ½ cup (60 mL)							
Fats and Oils	Healthy oils like canola, olive or soybean, 1 tsp (5 mL) Soft, non-hydrogenated margarines, 1 tsp (5 mL) Salad dressing, 1 tsp (5 mL)							
I can have up to 6 to 9 tsp (30 to 45 mL) each day	Mayonnaise, 1 tsp (5 mL)							
Fluids I need	Water, 1 cup (250 mL) Milk, 1 cup (250 mL) (Make sure to check boxes in the Milk and Alternatives section and here)							
9 to 12 cups (2 to 3 litres) each day	Coffee or tea, 1 cup (250 mL) Sugar-free drinks, 1 cup (250 mL) Other fluids, 1 cup (250 mL)							

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