

10 CORE NUTRITION PRINCIPLES



1. Whole Foods Focus

 Replace packages and processed foods with vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, legumes, whole grains, anti-inflammatory fats, and high-quality proteins.

2. Balanced Macronutrients

- ½ plate non-starchy vegetables, palm sized protein and 1 serving whole food starch
- No naked carbs always dress up your carbs with a healthy fat or protein
 E.g. apple with nut butter, toast with avocado and egg

3. Quality Proteins

Sources: Grass-fed meats, wild-caught fish, free-range poultry, and organic plant proteins.

4. Prioritize Organic and Non-GMO Foods

- Choose organic produce and non-GMO products to limit pesticide and chemical exposure.
- Review Clean 15 & Dirty Dozen lists.

5. Proper Hydration

- Drink plenty of water and limit sugary and caffeinated beverages. Aids digestion, detoxification, and overall bodily functions.
- Avoid plastics and unfiltered tap water.
- Glass bottled spring water or re-mineralized filtered water is best e.g. Mountain Valley or Pur20 home filtration.

6. Mindful Eating

 Mindful chewing, listen to hunger/fullness cues and savor your meals. Improves digestion and prevents overeating.

7. Healthy Fats

- Focus on anti-inflammatory fats from fish, leafy greens, nuts, and certain oils.
- Avoid seed oils and trans fats
- Recommended Oils: Olive oil for low heat, avocado and coconut oil for higher heat, and olive, flax and walnut oils for dressings.

8. High in Fiber, Pre/probiotic Foods

Goal: 25-38 grams of fiber daily from whole grains, nuts, legumes, vegetables, and fruits. Incorporate several servings of pre and probiotic-rich foods daily e.g. kraut, plantains, kefir

9. Low in Simple Sugars

- Avoid sugary beverages, fruit juice, processed foods, and refined grains.
- Limit sweeteners and opt for natural sweeteners or low-glycemic alternatives like monk fruit

10. Phytonutrient Diversity

- Eat a colorful diet with a variety of fruits and vegetables to harness health benefits from phytonutrients.
- Aim for six different color groups daily.

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Proteins Animal Proteins: ☐ Feta cheese (low-fat)—1 oz Lean, free-range, grass-fed, organically grown animal □ Parmesan cheese–2 T protein; and wild-caught, low-mercury fish preferred ☐ Ricotta cheese (low-fat)-1/4 c □ Egg ☐ Fish/Shellfish **Plant Proteins:** ☐ Meat: Beef, buffalo, elk, lamb, Non-GMO, organic plant protein; venison, other wild game ■ Mung bean/Edamame ☐ Poultry (skinless) ☐ Pasta-1 oz ☐ Chicken, Cornish hen, duck, ■ Natto-1 oz pheasant, turkey, etc. ■ Nutritional yeast–2 T ☐ Protein Powder ☐ Spirulina-2 T ☐ Cheese (hard)—1/2 oz ☐ Tempeh-1 oz ☐ Cheese (low-fat)-1 oz ☐ Tofu (firm/extra firm)-1½-2 oz ☐ Cottage cheese (low-fat)—1/4 c ☐ Tofu (soft/silken)-3 oz Vegetables Non-starchy Carbs Organic, non-GMO preferred Greens: Beet, collard, dandelion, kale, mustard, turnip, etc. Artichoke Arugula Horseradish Asparagus Jicama ■ Bamboo shoots Kohlrabi ■ Beets (cubed) ☐ Leeks ☐ Lettuce, all Bok choy □ Broccoflower Microgreens □ Broccoli ■ Mushrooms □ Okra ■ Brussels sprouts Onions Cabbage □ Parsley Carrots ☐ Peppers, all Cauliflower □ Celeriac root □ Radicchio Radishes Celery ■ Salsa ☐ Chard/Swiss chard Scallions Chervil Chives □ Sea vegetables □ Shallots Cilantro ☐ Snap peas/snow peas Cucumbers Spinach Daikon radishes Sprouts, all ■ Eggplant ☐ Squash: Delicata, pumpkin, Endive ☐ Escarole spaghetti, yellow, zucchini, etc. □ Fennel □ Tomato ☐ Fermented vegetables: Kimchi, ☐ Tomato juice—¾ c pickles, sauerkraut, etc. Turnips □ Garlic ■ Vegetable juice-¾ c Green beans Water chestnuts Watercress Starchy Vegetables

Starchy Vegetables

Organic, non-GMO preferred

□ Acorn squash (cubed)-1 c

□ Butternut squash (cubed)-1 c

□ Plantain-1/3 c or ½ whole

Starchy Vegetables

□ Potato: Purple, red, sweet, yellow-½ med

□ Potatoes (mashed)-½ c

□ Root vegetables: Parsnip, rutabaga-½ c

☐ Yam-½ med

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Fruit	☐ Nectarine–1 small
Organic, non–GMO preferred; unsweetened, no	Orange-1 small
sugar added	☐ Papaya–1 c
□ Apple−1 sm	Peach-1small
□ Applesauce–½ c	☐ Pear–1 sm
□ Apricots–4	☐ Persimmon-½
□ Banana-½ med	☐ Pineapple-¾ c
□ Blackberries–¾ c	☐ Plums–2 sm
□ Blueberries–¾ c	☐ Pomegranate seeds–½ c
☐ Cherries–12	☐ Prunes–3 med
☐ Cranberries—¾ c	_ □ Raisins–2 T
Dates or figs–3	☐ Raspberries-1 c
□ Dried fruit-2 T	☐ Strawberries–1¼ c
☐ Grapefruit—½	_ Berries
□ Grapes–15	☐ Citrus fruits (e.g., lemon,
□ Kiwi–1 med	orange, grapefruit)
□ Mango−½ sm	☐ Cranberries
☐ Melon, all-1 c	_
	□ Cherries
Beans/Legumes	Nuts/Seeds
Organic, non-GMO preferred	Unsweetened, unsalted, organic
☐ Bean soups—¾ c	preferred
☐ Black soybeans (cooked)—½ c	□ Almonds–6
☐ Dried/Canned beans, lentils, peas	☐ Brazil nuts–2
(cooked)–½ c	☐ Cashews–6
☐ Edamame (cooked)—½ c	☐ Chia seeds-1 T
☐ Flour, legume—¼ c	☐ Coconut (dried)—3 T
☐ Green peas (cooked)—½ c	☐ Flaxseed (ground)–2 T
☐ Hummus or other bean	☐ Hazelnuts–5
dips-1/3 c	☐ Hemp seed-1 T
☐ Refried beans, vegetarian—¼ c	☐ Macadamias–2-3
□ Veggie burger (non-GMO)–	□ Nut and seed butters–½ T
1 patty	☐ Pecan halves-4
	☐ Pine nuts–1 T
Dairy Alternatives	☐ Pistachios–16
Gum/additive-free preferred	☐ Pumpkin seeds–1 T
☐ Milk: Soy, almond, coconut,	☐ Sesame seeds-1 T
flaxseed, hazelnut, macadamia nut, hemp	□ Sunflower seeds–1 T
☐ Yogurt: Coconut, cashew, almond	■ Walnut halves–4
(cultured)-4-6 oz	
☐ Kefir: Coconut 4-6 oz	
Fats & Oils	
Minimally refined, cold-pressed, organic,	☐ Mayonnaise (unsweetened)-1 t
non-GMO preferred	Oils, cooking: Avocado, butter,
☐ Avocado–2 T or 1/8 whole	coconut (virgin), sesame-1 t
☐ Butter–1 t, 2 t whipped	Oils, salad: Almond, avocado,
☐ Chocolate, dark (70% or higher	flaxseed, hempseed, olive (extra virgin),
	pumpkin seed, sesame, walnut-1 t
cocoa)–1 oz	☐ Olives: Black, green, kalamata–8
□ Coconut milk, regular	□ Pesto (olive oil)–1 T
(canned)–1½ T	☐ Salad dressing made with
□ Coconut milk, light (canned)–3 T	quality oils–1 T
☐ Ghee/clarified butter–1 t	
☐ Half and half—2 T	

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Whole Grains (100%) Unsweetened, sprouted and organic preferred Gluten-Free: Amaranth-1/3 c Buckwheat/kasha-½ c Millet-½ c Oats (rolled, steel-cut)-½ c Quinoa-½ Rice: Basmati, black, brown, purple, red, wild-1/3 c Sorghum-1/8 c Teff-¾ c	Gluten-Containing: □ Barley-1/3 c □ Bulgur-½ c □ Kamut-½ c □ Spelt-1/3 c Individual Portions: □ Sour Dough Bread (Gluten Free or traditional)-1 slice □ Granola (homemade)-3 T □ Muesli-½ c □ Pasta (Einkorn, lentil, chickpea)-1/3 c □ Tortilla- (organic whole grain, almond flour, stone ground corn) 1, 6 in
Beverages Unsweetened, no sugar added Filtered water Sparkling/mineral water Fresh juiced fruits/vegetables Coconut water Coffee Tea: Black, green, herbal, etc.	
Herbs, spices, and seasonings/sweeteners Raw, local organic preferred Apple cider vinegar Balsamic vinegar Coconut aminos Herbs, dried or fresh Blackstrap molasses Coconut sugar Maple syrup Raw honey Monk Fruit	