PORTION SIZE GUIDE



Serving Size: The amount of food listed on a product's nutrition label which may be more or less than what you plan to eat. This term can also refer to the recommended servings of food groups from the USDA Dietary Guidelines and My Plate.

Portion Size: The amount of food you choose to eat at a meal or snack, which may be more or less than a serving size. Use this guide to help you visualize portion sizes without needing measuring cups or a food scale.

Handy Tips for Estimating Portion & Serving Sizes



1 cup = 1 fist or baseball

Raw, canned or frozen cooked vegetables

*Leafy greens = 2 cups



1 tbsp = 1 thumb or 1 poker chip

Peanut butter and other nut butters



1/2 cup = 1/2 fist or light bulb

Raw, canned, or frozen cooked fruits



1/4 cup = cupped hand or palmful

Dried fruits or nuts and seeds



3 oz = palm of hand or deck of cards

Meats, poultry, and fish or seafood

Portion Size your Plate



1 tsp = 1 thumb tip or 1 postage stamp

Oils and other fats



1/2 plate vegetables/fruits

1/4 plate starches/grains

1/4 plate proteins