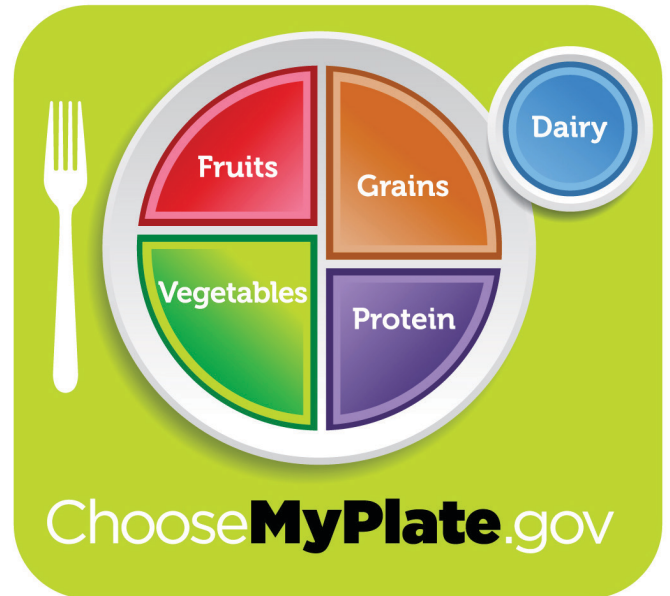


MyPlate Nutrition Education Series: Mini-Fridge Makeover¹

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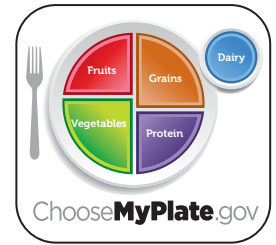
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mini-fridge makeover



10 healthy choices to keep in your dorm mini-fridge*

Stock your dorm-room fridge with a variety of healthy foods. That way, when you need a quick breakfast or study snack, you'll have plenty of options on hand.

1 low-fat cheese

Pair 1 slice cheese with 100% whole-grain bread for an easy snack or munch on a cheese stick for a quick bite between classes. Low-fat cheeses can even be used when making omelets and quesadillas in your dorm microwave!

2 vegetables

Pre-washed and pre-cut varieties are convenient for quick snacks and meals. Try incorporating green, red, orange, and yellow vegetables into your diet. Pair veggies with your favorite dips, such as carrots with hummus or celery with peanut butter. Add them to omelets and quesadillas.



3 fruit

Remember that fresh, frozen, dried, and canned fruits all count. Just watch out for varieties with added sugars or syrups. Add a tablespoon of raisins or dried apricots to your morning oatmeal or yogurt and grab an apple for a natural source of energy during a late night study break.



4 water

Keep water in your fridge. Investing in a water-filter pitcher is a great way to store water in your dorm room. Drinking water instead of sugary drinks is a healthy choice.

5 nuts and nut butters

These will last longer when stored in the fridge. Try walnuts, almonds, peanuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, or cashews. Peanut butter and almond butter are delicious on apple slices or whole-grain toast.



6 eggs

Eggs in a dorm room? If you have a refrigerator, yes! Use a microwave safe bowl or mug to scramble eggs for a quick, convenient breakfast or snack. Toss in raw veggies and a tablespoon of cheese for added flavor!

7 milk and yogurt

Fat-free (skim) or low-fat milk can be added to oatmeal or whole-grain cereals for a filling, nutritious breakfast. Individual containers of low-fat yogurt or low-fat Greek yogurt are convenient and portable. Mix yogurt with fruit and nuts for an energizing breakfast or top with a few chocolate chips and cinnamon for a healthy dessert.



8 hummus

Hummus can be paired with almost anything! Enjoy dipping red pepper slices, carrots, or other raw veggies into this delicious dip. Spread hummus onto a whole-wheat pita with tomatoes and cucumbers for an easy, nutritious lunch.

9 salsa

A fresh salsa with tomatoes, jalapenos, cilantro, and onions is a fun and yummy way to incorporate veggies into your diet. Pair low-sodium salsas with a small serving of whole-grain tortilla chips or raw veggies.

10 use the Nutrition Facts label

Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose beverages and foods at the store. The label contains information about total sugars, fats, and calories. Reading the Nutrition Facts labels on packaged foods can help you make better choices.

* Refrigerators should be set to maintain a temperature of 40 °F or below. Keep an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator to monitor the temperature.