## The Mediterranean Diet — Weekly Goals

The Mediterranean Diet is good for many types of eating plans, including those for diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease. Check off each box (or half a box, it all adds up) as you eat during a week.	
= 1 serving except where noted*; serving sizes are listed by food type	
Vegetables cooked or raw serving size is 1 cup	Fish / Shellfish serving size is 4 ounces
lettuce serving size is 2 cups  dark green red / orange starchy other  More is optional, but better!	More is better!  Plant-Based Oils / Fats*  (olive, sesame, canola, avocado)  1–2 tablespoons per day, used in cooking  each box = 1 day
Fruit fresh, canned, or frozen serving size is 1 cup dried serving size is ½ cup  More is optional, but better!	Low-Fat Dairy serving size is ¾ cup milk, 6 ounces yogurt, 1½ cups cottage cheese, 1.5 ounces natural cheese; maximum 1 serving per day  Less is better!  Proteins / Meats
Nuts whole nuts serving size is ½ cup; nut butter serving size is 2 tablespoons; maximum 1 serving per day  Legumes (beans, peas, lentils, peanuts)	Lean Red Meat serving size is 3 ounces  Less is better!  Lean Poultry serving size is 3 ounces
cooked serving size is ½ cup  More is optional, but better!  Whole Grains / Cereals	Eggs serving size is 1 whole egg (yolk and white); no limit for egg whites only
serving size is 1 slice bread, 1 cup ready-to-eat cereal, ½ cup cooked rice, pasta, or cereal, 3 cups popcorn, 1 ounce crackers, or 16 grams of other grain items  Whole Grain	Alcohol (optional) serving size is 8 ounces malt liquor or, 5 ounces wine or, 12 ounces beer or, 1.5 ounces spirits/hard liquor  Women (max 1 serving per day)
Refined Grain  Substituting more whole grain for refined grain is better!	Men (max 2 servings per day)

