



Your food and physical activity choices each day affect your health - how you feel today, tomorrow and in the future. These tips and ideas are a starting point. Choose a change that you can make today to move toward a healthier you. Fueling your body with the right fuel can keep your body strong and improve your energy!

Color Your Plate

• Eat the colors of the rainbow.

• Eat more red, orange, and dark-green vegetables.

- Eat edible seeds and skins for more nutrients.
- Try these: broccoli, asparagus, bell pepper, tomato, onions and carrots.
- Eat non-starchy vegetables at least twice a day.

 Enjoy fruit to satisfy a sweet tooth.

• Eat a variety of colors throughout the week.

- Eat edible seeds and skins for more nutrients.
- Buy fruit that is fresh, frozen, dried (without sugar added) or canned in 100% juice.
- Try something new to increase variety.

 Choose a variety of starches and whole grains.

- Choose whole grains over refined, such as brown vs. white rice.
- Include starchy vegetables like beans, corn and potatoes here.
- Look for the words "100% whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" on the food label.

 Go lean with protein.

 Eat a variety of protein-rich foods such as beef, skinless poultry, eggs, fish, beans, nuts and soy.

- Include proteina foods at each meal aim for 25-30g.
- Try a cut with the words "round" or "loin" in the name. (% of beef in the meat case is already lean!)

 Switch to low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt, and other milk products.

airy

- Include dairy and fortified milk alternatives to increase the rich sources of calcium and other vital nutrients in your diet.
- Try lactose-free milk, kefir or fortified, unsweetened milk alternatives if you are lactose intolerant.
- Choose products with >/= 8g protein.



Grilled Steak and Vegetable Salad

Ingredients

2 **Beef Strip Steaks** boneless, cut %-inch thick (about 8 oz. each)

1 medium sweet potato, cut into ½-inch thick slices

3 different vegetables such as zucchini, yellow squash, asparagus, eggplant, red onion, red and yellow bell pepper or Romaine lettuce, cut lengthwise into quarters

½ cup **reduced-fat dressing** or vinaigrette, such as Italian, noncreamy Caesar, or red wine vinegar, divided

2 cloves garlic, minced

¼ tsp. ground black pepper

Preparation

1 Toss potato and vegetables with ¼ cup dressing; set aside. Rub beef steaks with garlic and pepper.

- Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Arrange vegetables around steaks. Grill steaks, covered, 7-10 minutes over medium heat on preheated gas grill to desired doneness (medium rare, 145°F, to medium, 160°F). Turn occasionally. Grill lettuce and asparagus 2-4 minutes; grill other vegetables 11-15 minutes or until crisp-tender, turning occasionally.
- 3 Carve steaks and vegetables into bite-sized pieces. Combine beef, vegetables and remaining ¼ cup dressing in large bowl; toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper, as desired.

Nutrition information:

Nutrition information per serving: **Calories 310; Total fat** 16g (Sat. fat 4.5g; Trans fat 0g); **Cholest.** 85mg; **Sodium** 550mg; **Total Carb.** 16g; Fiber 3g; Total Sugars 7g; **Protein** 25g; Vit D (0% DV); Calcium (6% DV); Iron (15% DV); Potas. (20% DV)

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