



# EAT YOUR WAY TO BETTER HEALTH

Want to feel your best? Eat more plant-based foods!

Whole plant-based foods can lower your risk for many common chronic diseases and help you eat your way towards a longer, healthier life.



## IMPROVE HEART HEALTH

Low fat, high fiber foods can help lower blood pressure and inflammation and prevent plaque build up.



## LOWER RISK OF MOST CANCERS

With colorful cancer-fighting nutrients, low fat, high fiber plant-based foods help keep cells healthy.



## BETTER DIABETES PREVENTION

Unprocessed, low fat plant-based foods can help our cells use glucose and improve blood sugar control.



## IMPROVE BRAIN HEALTH / LOWER RISK OF ALZHEIMER'S

High fiber whole plant-based foods give us protection and fuel for a healthy brain.



## HEALTHY BODY

Eating a range of plant-foods can help protect us from illness, improve our digestion, and give us more energy.



## BETTER WEIGHT CONTROL

Since plants are low in calories and high in fiber, we can eat until we're full and maintain a comfortable, healthy weight.

And the best part is, you can start today –  
just add more fruits, veggies, grains and beans to your plate!

Ready to learn more about plant-forward eating?

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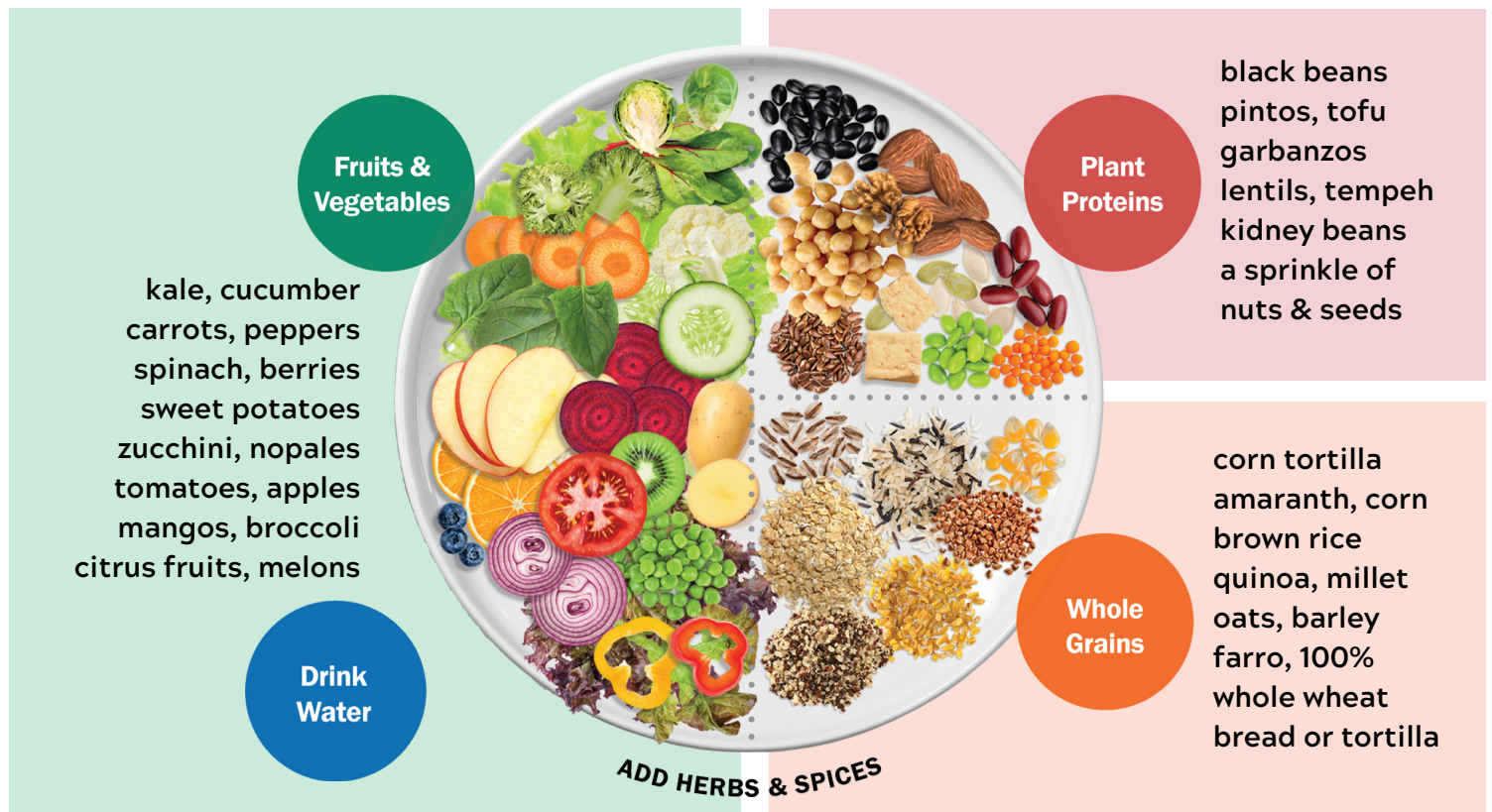
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Fill your plate with grains, veggies, fruits and beans!

Want to try a fully balanced plant-based meal? Keep your plate simple! Start with a grain, add two or more vegetables, some fruit, and your favorite beans. Take a look at the plate below for ingredient ideas to make your own at home!



**Vitamin B12 & Vitamin D:** Eating a variety of plant-based foods can give you all the vitamins you need except for B12 and possibly D. Getting enough of those nutrients is as easy as taking a daily supplement. Talk to your healthcare provider about your needs.

## TIPS FOR EATING MORE PLANTS!

- Enjoy oatmeal and fruit for breakfast
- Try to bring a rainbow of colors onto your plate
- Add beans to your favorite pasta, soup or salad
- Stock up on low sodium frozen veggies and canned beans
- Pre-chop veggies for quick meals and snacks
- Try whole fruit like an apple as a healthy snack
- Try a whole grain like brown rice or whole wheat bread
- Sign up for a free class or try a new recipe on our website!

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