

for the life you want

Mediterranean Diet Checklist

Check off the boxes as you eat the portions listed from each group.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Grains				□ □ □ ◊ ◊ ◊	□ □ □ ◊ ◊ ◊		
Dairy							
Veggies			□ □ □ □ ◇ ◇	□□□□◊◊			
Fruits							
Olives, nuts, or seeds	_ +	_ +	_ +	_ +	_ +	- +	_ +
Olive oil							
Potatoes							
Legumes	+						
Eggs	\diamond \diamond \diamond						
Seafood	+						
Red Meat	♦ ♦						
White Meat	♦ ♦						
Processed Meat	♦						
Sweets				♦ ♦			
	Key: \square = minimum \diamondsuit = optional $+$ = no limit						

Portion Guide

Grains/Starch 1 box is equal to:

1 slice bread

½ cup c00ked pasta/rice
½ cup potatoes
1 cup cereal
½ cup or 1 cob corn
½ English muffin,
hamburger bun or bagel

Dairy 1 box is equal to:

1 cup (8 oz) milk
1 cup (8 oz) plain yogurt
2 thin slices cheese
1 string cheese stick
(Dairy alternatives count if
fortified with calcium +
vitamin D)

Veggies 1 box is equal t◊:

1/2 cup cooked vegetables
1/2 cup raw vegetables
1 cup leafy greens
1 cup (8 oz) vegetable juice

Fruits 1 box is equal to:

½ tennis ball-sized fruit ½ medium banana ½ cup canned or fresh fruit ½ cup (4 oz) 100% juice ¼ cup dried fruit

Red Meat: 3-5 ounces beef per box

White Meat: 3-5 ounces chicken or pork per box

Processed Meat: 3-5 ounces mechanically altered meat (ground, sliced, etc) that *also* contains additives (preservatives, fat, flavoring, etc) per box. **Includes:** ham, bacon, sausage, deli meat, etc.

Sweets: Mediterranean diet recommendations do not provide a clear definition for this. Beverages or food items heavily sweetened with sugar are likely included in this category.

Note: Wine is also included in moderation on the Mediterranean Diet. This is defined as ½ cup (4 oz) per day or less for women, and 1 cup (8 oz) per day or less for men.