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Easy Meatless Meals

More people are becoming "flexitarians," or semi-vegetarians – reducing the amount of animal protein in their diet, and eating more vegetarian meals. Going meatless even once a week may reduce the risk for heart disease, diabetes and cancer, according to Meatless Monday, a nonprofit initiative developed in association with the JohnHopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Here are a few ideas to incorporate more meatless meals into your life.

Ideas for Vegetarian Breakfasts

- Oatmeal with nuts and dried cranberries
- Whole-grain toasted bagel topped with almond butter and apple slices
- Breakfast parfait with low fat, soy or coconut yogurt, cereal and blueberries

Ideas for Vegetarian Lunches

- Vegetable wrap: sliced tomatoes, pepper, onion, avocado wrapped in a lettuce leaf
- Veggie burgers (soy, black bean or portabella mushroom)
- Chili made with beans and vegetables

Ideas for Vegetarian Dinners

- Red beans and rice
- Eggplant lasagna
- Quesadillas with black beans and veggies
- Pizza with spinach, onions and feta cheese
- Vegetable quiche with broccoli, red peppers and mushrooms
- Whole wheat pasta with marinara sauce, cannellini beans and vegetables
- Roasted vegetable sandwich (eggplant, red peppers, portabella mushrooms)
- Taco salad with beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, avocado, salsa and low-fat cheese
- Pasta with pesto, broccoli, pine nuts and parmesan cheese
- Tofu and vegetable stir-fry with brown rice
- Baked potato topped with vegetarian chili
- Spinach salad with walnuts, apples, dried cranberries and low-fat cheese

Ideas for Vegetarian Snacks

- Dried fruit and nuts
- Smoothie made with fresh or frozen fruit
- Hummus and vegetables

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Meatless Monday: www.meatlessmonday.com

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