

Tips for Eating Out

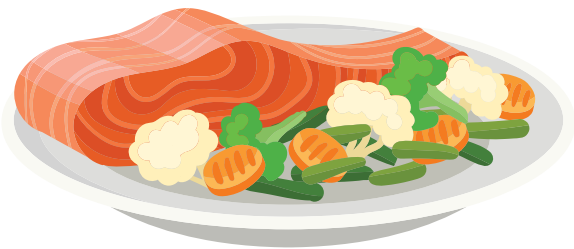
You don't have to give up eating out to eat right. Here are some heart-healthy choices.

Sandwiches

- ♥ Order sandwiches without mayonnaise, tartar sauce, or special sauces. Try mustard or low-fat mayonnaise. Ask for vegetables on your sandwich.
- ♥ Order small, plain hamburgers instead of "deluxe" ones.
- ♥ Order sandwiches made with lean roast beef or turkey. Chicken salad and tuna salad made with regular mayonnaise are high in fat.
- ♥ Choose grilled instead of breaded chicken or fish sandwiches.

Main dishes

- ♥ Go for rotisserie-style chicken rather than fried. Always remove the skin.
- ♥ Order pizza with vegetable toppings, such as peppers, mushrooms, or onions. Ask for half the usual amount of cheese.
- ♥ Choose grilled, steamed, or baked fish instead of deep-fried.
- ♥ Leave off all butter, gravy, and sauces.



Side dishes

- ♥ Ask for any high-fat toppings, including salad dressing, on the side. Use less than the amount they give you.
- ♥ Ask the server not to add salt to your serving.
- ♥ Order a baked potato instead of fries.
 - ▶ Try salsa or vegetables as a potato topping.
 - ▶ If you really want fries, order the small size to share instead of having a large order by yourself.
- ♥ Use low-calorie, low-fat salad dressing. Bring your own if the restaurant doesn't offer a low-fat dressing. You can buy small packets at some stores.
- ♥ Try to create a balanced meal by making half your meal vegetables, one-quarter a whole grain, and one-quarter a protein.
- ♥ Ask for low-fat cheese and low-fat sour cream.

Beverages

- ♥ Choose water, 100 percent fruit juice, unsweetened iced tea, or fat-free or low-fat (1 percent) milk rather than a soft drink or a milkshake.
- ♥ If you really want to have a soft drink, order a small one.

Desserts

- ♥ Buy a small fat-free frozen yogurt, low-fat ice cream, or sherbet instead of cakes or pies.