THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT FRUITS & VEGETABLES

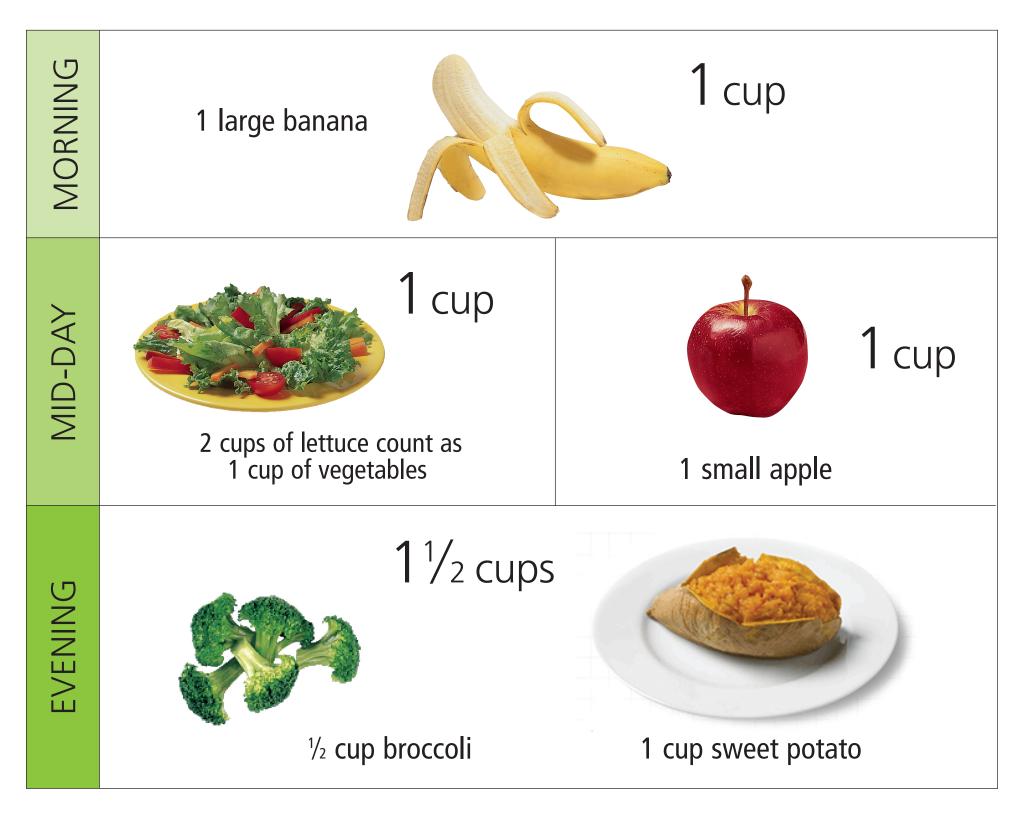
Easy ways to eat more fruits and vegetables.

Eating your fruits and vegetables is a lot easier than you might think. One cup-equivalent of most fruits and vegetables is the amount that would fit in a measuring cup if chopped, or about 2 handfuls. The exceptions are raw leafy greens (2 cups count as 1 cup) or dried fruit ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup counts as 1 cup).

The following examples count as 1 cup:

1 small apple	3 spears of broccoli
1 large banana	1 cup of cooked greens or 2 cups raw
2 medium cantaloupe wedges	(spinach, collards, mustard greens, turnip greens)
1 medium grapefruit	2 medium carrots or 12 baby carrots
1 large orange	1 large sweet potato
1 large peach	1 large ear of corn
1 medium pear	1 medium potato
2 large or 3 small plums	2 large stalks of celery
8 large strawberries	1 large bell pepper
1 small watermelon wedge	1 large tomato
2 small boxes of raisins or other dried fruit	1/2 can of beans

For example, a 35 year-old fairly active woman would need $4\frac{1}{2}$ cups per day. The chart below shows what $4\frac{1}{2}$ cups might look like.



Fruits and vegetables are only one component of a healthy diet. In addition to fruits and vegetables, a healthy diet also includes whole grains, fat-free or low-fat milk products, lean meats, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts. It is also low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt, and added sugars.