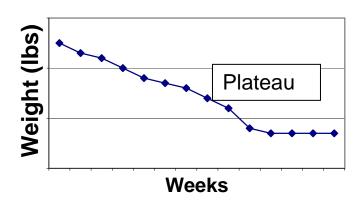
Handling Weight Plateaus

When losing weight, it is common to have **plateaus** or times when you can't seem to lose any more weight. Research suggests that our bodies will try to maintain a specific weight or "**set-point**". This set-point can make getting over a plateau difficult.

My Weight Log (lbs)			
Week 1	<u> 285</u>	Week 8	274
Week 2	283	Week 9	272
Week 3	282	Week 10	268
Week 4	280	Week 11	267
Week 5	278	Week 12	267
Week 6	277	Week 13	267
Week 7	276	Week 14	267



Here are tips that can help with managing plateaus and resetting your set-point:

- Plateaus are often temporary. Stay with your program and you should start losing again.
- Try increasing your physical activity. Adding a few additional minutes or a different kind of physical activity to what you are already doing can get you going again.
- If you haven't been writing down what you eat for a while, start again. You may discover that extra calories have crept into your diet plan.
- Plateaus make you feel like giving up. Remember how hard you have already worked and how far you have come. Don't lose ground, and push a little harder to keep moving past the plateau.



