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Fall is a time for crisp cool mornings, falling leaves (and maybe snow) and holiday celebrations. It seems as if a quarter of our year is full of indulgent food temptations and events that compete with our exercise schedule. While it may seem impossible to get through these months without the dreaded holiday weight gain, if you find time to exercise, watch your portions and use these healthy cooking tips, you can make it through New Year's as fit as you started.

Days off during the holidays are a great time to be active with family and spend time together preparing healthy recipes that everyone will enjoy. Try these ingredient substitutions in your recipes to lower the calorie, saturated fat and cholesterol content and increase the vitamins, minerals and fiber.

#### **NSTEAD USE:**

Butter, Margarine	Prunes
Oil	Applesauce or Prunes
Eggs	¼ cup egg substitute & 2 egg whites
Shortening	Trans-fat & saturated fat-free margarine
Seasoning Salt	Salt-free seasonings, herbs & spices
Heavy Cream	Evaporated skim milk
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Dry Bread Crumbs	Rolled oats or bran cereal
Milk Chocolate	Chopped dark chocolate
Flour	Whole wheat flour or whole wheat pastry flour
Oil Marinades	Balsamic vinegar, fruit juice or fat-free broth
Sugar	Reduce sugar by ½, add nutmeg, vanilla or cinnamon to enhance the sweetness

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The holiday season can be a joyous occasion, but the good times can come with a price. Too often stress and high-calorie indulgences get in the way of all those healthy habits we spent the year trying to stick to. Don't let Thanksgiving and Christmas turn you into a flabby ball of hypertensive stress. Just follow our top tips for surviving the holidays, and you'll have a happier and healthier start to the new year.

**EXERCISE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING If you** normally exercise during your lunch hour or after work, holiday demands are likely to steal away that time. Instead make exercise the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning.

**EAT BREAKFAST** Multiple studies stress how eating breakfast is one of the easiest, sure-fire ways to lose weight. Not only does it keep you satisfied and give you energy, but eating breakfast also gets your metabolism humming for the day. This is important all year, but especially critical during the holiday season.



SWAP PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR PARTYING A lot of times during the holidays you spend time with friends and family catching up in the company of food and beverages. Instead of chatting over a glass of high-calorie eggnog, why not catch up with a walk? Or plan a hike, build a snowman or do another fun activity.

**DRINK WATER AND EAT SOUPS BEFORE BIG MEALS** 

Before diving headfirst into that turkey dinner or Christmas buffet, drink an eight-ounce glass of water or have a bowl of soup as an appetizer. That will help fill your stomach before you get to the high-calorie stuff.

EAT SLOWLY (AND DON'T GO FOR SECONDS) For big meals, eat your first portion slowly. Most people gobble down big holiday meals for social reasons more than hunger needs. If you eat slowly, chances are the other people are already stuffed by the time you're finished.

DO HIGH-INTENSITY INTERVAL WORKOUTS The holidays sap our free time, so why not get more out of less in the gym? If you usually do 45 minutes on a treadmill at a steady pace, try 20-30 minutes of intervals, where you work out intensely for a minute or so, rest, then do another intense bout of exercise.

GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK Stress from worry, guilt and other negative emotions can increase the hormone cortisol, which has a negative effect on your body. Don't be so hard on yourself if things aren't perfect during the holidays, and don't be a "family fixer" and try to solve everyone's problems. You're only human. Breathe deep and do your best.

CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO MAY BE ALONE If your spouse is overseas or you're feeling lonely, volunteer at a soup kitchen or other charity. It will give you an amazing lift to help others in need. Or you can locate people who may be in a similar situation as you by checking out local community resources online and meeting up. 'Tis the season, after all. By Dave Hawk





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#### New Balance Celebrates Its Homemade

Footprint Global athletic leader New Balance is proud to announce the launch of the New Balance 990, an iconic style that is the latest edition of one of the longest-running athletic shoe series in the industry. The 990, an updated version of the original 990 debuted 30 years ago in 1982. The 990 has a cult following: according to New Balance officials, it was favored by Steve Jobs, and has also been worn by the actors Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner and Hilary Duff, among others.

"The 990 truly showcases our American shoemaking craftsmanship at its finest," says Eric Vassall, senior product manager at New Balance. "The 990 continues to provide the perfect blend of cushioning and stability for runners and is also the ideal balance of old-school style and modern design for our most discerning lifestyle consumers."

New Balance made its first pair of running shoes in 1938, and today holds the distinction as the only company that still manufactures athletic shoes in the U.S. New Balance employs 1,300 associates across five New England facilities to produce a quarter of the brand's U.S. footwear shipments each year.

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# **Personal Trainer**

I'm in my 40s and in military service. My life is very demanding and my job causes me a lot of stress. Though I'm in the military, my current duties do not allow me the time and freedom to

exercise as much I'd like, if at all. I'm concerned about long-term health, mostly because heart disease runs in my family. Are there any supplement suggestions that could help me reduce stress?

There are a few natural supplements that help reduce stress but nothing is better for you than daily cardio training sessions of 20 to 40 minutes performed at least once

every other day. In order to live a longer, healthier lifestyle, it's important to schedule "me" time. Daily cardio training will not only boost your metabolism and growth-hormone levels, it helps your body burn calories and body fat for hours after your workout. Cardio training also helps support a more positive outlook and reduces the stress hormone cortisol. Cardio training triggers the brain's production and release of endorphins, a neurochemical that serves as the body's natural painkiller and stress reducer. Endorphins are what produce what's known as the "runner's high".

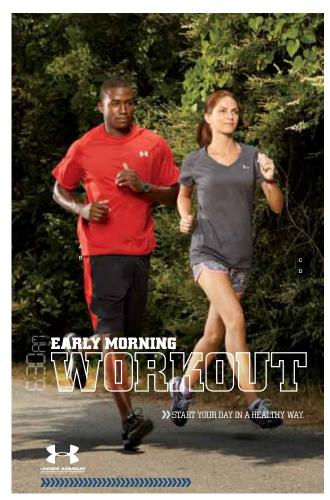
We all have heard how supplementing with omega-3 fatty acids, found mostly in fish oil, can help reduce risk of heart disease and diabetes. Recently, Ohio State University found that omega-3s can also help reduce stress and depression as well. In a 12-week study with 68 medical students, the OSU researchers found that students who supplemented with 2,500mg per day of omega-3 fatty acids reported a stress reduction of 20% compared to a placebo group. That's huge.

Researchers have found that omega-3 greatly reduces the production of inflammation-causing cytokines, which helps elevate mood and feelings of well-being.

The New England Journal of Medicine has found a direct link between regular exercise and longevity, so it's well worth the effort to find a way to get moving, despite the demands of your duties.

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Eat your vegetables! We all grew up hearing that from our parents. For some of us, that is easy. However for others, especially our children, it is quite a chore. Even when they do eat them, it tends to be canned vegetables which are packed with sodium and countless preservatives that sit on a shelf for who knows how long.

A great way to change the way you and your family go about getting their vegetables is to try growing them at home! You will save money by either buying a pack of

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seeds or simply planting the actual vegetable; which will merit many more to come. In addition, it is an excellent way to get your family involved in eating healthy. If your kids are hesitant to eat their vegetables, they may be more open to it if they are a part of the process of growing them at home. Make sure to pick vegetables that grow well in your specific area. Seeking the help of your local agricultural extension office will provide you with a plethora of research and knowledge. Happy farming! Christina Carrillo©



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## **Nutrition Tips**



Start your morning off right and eat breakfast every day. You will be less likely to overeat later in the day.

Have low-fat, low-sugar snacks on hand at 2 home, at work, or on the go to combat hunger and prevent overeating.



Select a mix of colorful vegetables each day. Vegetables of different colors provide different nutrients.

#### Seasonal Fall vegetables, such as acorn squash, cherry tomatoes, sweet potatoes

and collard greens are packed with vitamins and minerals.



Choose whole grains more often. Try whole-wheat breads and pastas, oatmeal, brown rice or bulgur.

Popcorn is a whole grain and can be a healthy snack. Be sure to make it with little or no added salt or butter.



Share your meal or order a half-portion. Try a healthy appetizer (grilled or steamed seafood or veggie salads) as a main meal.

Eat slowly. It takes about 20 minutes for your brain to realize that your stomach is full.

by Christina Carrillo©

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This pumpkin parfait encompasses the taste of pumpkin pie without the extra sugar, fat and calories!

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its. Add cinnamon and	until "crisp." Cool completely before layering
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#### Warm Up Rotation

**1. Plank:** You will start in a plank position and hold. Planks are best performed on only elbows and toes, but by lifting onto your hands and/or dropping to your knees you can make it easier for yourself. Start by holding for 15 seconds, working your way up to 30-45 seconds.

2. Side Plank: You will then turn to your side and hold this side plank by only having one elbow on the floor and both feet stacked up on each other. Hold this plank for 15 seconds, working your way up to 30–45 seconds, before switching sides. Be very sure to keep your hips up and in line with your body which will engage your core much more. Repeat this rotation for four sets.

>> Side Plank Modification: A great way to make this plank a little harder is to raise the top leg straight in the air and the arm (that is not on the ground) straight up as well.

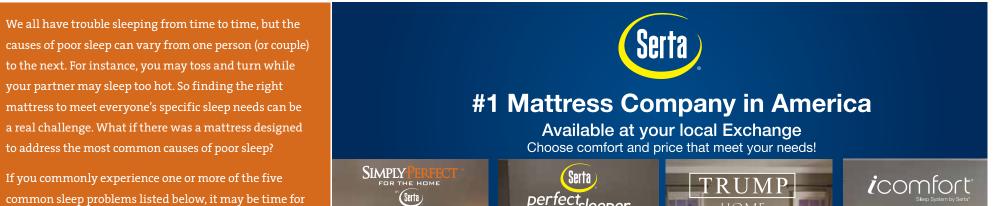




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