

Handy portion guide

Your hands can be very useful in estimating appropriate portions. When planning a meal, use the following portion sizes as a guide:



Grains and starches*/Fruits*

Choose an amount the size of your fist for grains or starches, or fruit.

Milk and alternatives*

Drink up to 1 cup (250 mL) of low-fat milk with a meal.



Vegetables*

Choose as much as you can hold in both hands. Choose brightly coloured vegetables (e.g., green or yellow beans, broccoli).



Meat and alternatives*

Choose an amount the size of the palm of your hand and the thickness of your little finger.



Fat*

Limit fat to an amount the size of the tip of your thumb.

* Food group names taken from *Beyond the Basics: Meal Planning for Healthy Eating, Diabetes Prevention and Management*. © Canadian Diabetes Association, 2014.