THINGS TO BUY AT THE GROCERY

FRUITS	VEGETABLES
FISH & MEAT	SNACKS
DAIRY	DRINKS
TOILETRIES	CLEANERS

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10 TIPS TO GET MORE DAIRY

1. "SKIM" THE FAT

Drink fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) milk. If you currently drink whole milk, gradually switch to lower fat versions. This change cuts saturated fat and calories but doesn't reduce calcium or other essential nutrients.

3. TOP OFF YOUR MEALS

Use fat-free or low-fat milk on cereal and oatmeal. Top fruit salads and baked potatoes with low-fat yogurt instead of higher fat toppings such as sour cream.

5. WHAT ABOUT CREAM CHEESE?

Cream cheese, cream, and butter are not part of the dairy food group. They are high in saturated fat and have little or no calcium.

7. LIMIT ADDED SUGARS

Flavored milks and yogurts, frozen yogurt, and puddings can contain a lot of added sugars. Get your nutrients from dairy foods with fewer or no added sugars.

9. CAN'T DRINK MILK?

If you are lactose intolerant, try yogurt, lactose-free milk, or soymilk (soy beverage) to get your calcium. Calcium in some leafy greens is well absorbed, but eating several cups each day to meet calcium needs may be unrealistic.

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2. BOOST POTASSIUM AND VITAMIN D, AND CUT SODIUM

Choose fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt more often than cheese. Milk and yogurt have more potassium and less sodium than most cheeses. Also, almost all milk and many yogurts are fortified with vitamin D.

4. CHOOSE CHEESES WITH LESS FAT

Many cheeses are high in saturated fat. Look for "reduced-fat" or "low-fat" on the label. Try different brands or types to find the one that you like.

6. SWITCH INGREDIENTS

When recipes such as dips call for sour cream, substitute plain yogurt. Use fat-free evaporated milk instead of cream, and try low-fat or fat-free ricotta cheese as a substitute for cream cheese.

8. CAFFEINATING?

If so, get your calcium along with your morning caffeine boost. Make or order coffee, a latte, or cappuccino with fat-free or low-fat milk.

10. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

Parents who drink milk and eat dairy foods show their kids that it is important for their health. Dairy foods are important to build the growing bones of kids and teens and to maintain bone health in adulthood.