

Low Fat Cooking Techniques



- ✓ Use nonstick cooking spray to sauté food in a pan instead of butter, margarine or oil.
- ✓ Add low fat or fat free condiments to food, such as salad dressing, mayonnaise, margarine, sour cream, cream cheese, peanut butter, gravy, melted cheese, etc.
- ✓ Substitute applesauce, plain nonfat yogurt or pureed fruit for oil, butter or margarine when preparing baked products.
- ✓ Trim all visible fat from meat and remove skin from chicken after cooking to keep more moisture in the meat.
- ✓ Try low fat cheeses when preparing recipes, such as low fat cottage cheese, low fat ricotta cheese, skim milk mozzarella, etc.
- ✓ Remove the fat beads that form on the top layer of soups, stews and casseroles.
- ✓ Substitute low fat meats for high fat meat in recipes, such as turkey, fish, skinless chicken breast, pork loin, 93-95% lean ground beef and ham. Select meats with the least amount of visible fat.
- ✓ Drain fat from cooked meat and blot with a paper towel to remove excess oil.
- ✓ Replace whole eggs in recipes with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup egg substitutes or 2 egg whites for every whole egg.
- ✓ Use 1% or skim milk in place of whole milk in recipes.



- ✓ Replace some of the meat in burgers, meatloaf, chili and stews with vegetables, beans or whole grains.
- ✓ Coat chicken or fish in bread crumbs rather than batter to cook.
- ✓ Use fat free broth or fat free milk in mashed potatoes, soups, gravies and stews.
- ✓ Season food with herbs, spices, lemon juice, red wine vinegar or salsa rather than butter, creams and sauces.
- ✓ Use low fat cooking methods, such as broiling, grilling, roasting, baking, microwaving, poaching and steaming.
- ✓ Try fat free evaporated milk in soups and casseroles instead of heavy cream.
- ✓ Limit the addition of condiments to food during cooking and preparation. For example: Do not add salad dressing to your salad, rather place dressing in a small container next to your salad and lightly dip your fork in the dressing before eating a bite.

