## **Plant Based Diet**

#### Your Guide to a

#### **PLANT-BASED DIET**

A plant-based diet can include many styles of eating, including vegetarian and vegan diets, that focus primarily on foods from plants rather than animals.



### Why?

#### **Harvard Medical School**

highlights that plant-based diets are associated with a lower risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and certain cancers.



#### **Examples of popular plant-based diets:**

- Mediterranean Diet
- Macrobiotic Diet
- Vegan Diet

- Raw Diet
- Ornish Diet
- Various Types of Vegetarian Diets

#### Plant-based/vegetarian diets provide relatively high amounts of:

- Vitamins
- Minerals
- Fiber
- Antioxidants
- Omega-6 fatty acids
- Omega-3 fatty acids
- Dairy alternatives
- Plant proteins





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#### Must make sure you're getting enough:

Protein

Retinol

Saturated fat

- Vitamin B12
- Long-chain omega-3 fatty acids
- Minerals like zinc

### May include the following in moderation









Meat

**Fish** 

**Eggs** 

**Dairy** 

#### Benefits of a plant-based diet:

- 1. Anti-inflammatory
- 2. High in fiber, vitamins, and minerals
- 3. Promotes weight loss and maintenance
- 4. Lowers cholesterol
- 5. Helps reduce cancer risk