The Plate Method for Diabetes guide provides: consistent carbohydrate, balanced meals, greater fiber intake, healthy amounts of fat, protein, fruits and vegetables. Eat 3 meals each day. At each meal choose one item from each food group. Use a 9-inch plate.

**Carbohydrate foods give energy and raise blood sugar. Choose 3-4 servings (45-60 grams) of carbohydrate foods each meal.**

- **Fat/Oil:**
  - Olive oil, 2 tsp.
  - Butter, 2 tsp.
  - Salad dressing, 2 Tbsp.
  - Cream cheese, 2 Tbsp.
  - Tub margarine, 2 tsp.
  - Avocado, ¼ cup
  - Nuts, 12-20

- **Milk or Yogurt:**
  - (15 grams carb each)
  - Milk (skim or 1%), 1 cup
  - Low fat yogurt, 1 cup (plain, light, or Greek)

- **Meat/Protein:**
  - Skinless chicken or turkey, 2-3 oz.
  - Fish (tuna, salmon, etc.), 2-3 oz.
  - Nuts, ¼ cup
  - Eggs, 1-2
  - Peanut butter, 2 Tbsp.
  - Low fat cheese, 1 oz.
  - Low fat turkey sausage, 1-2 oz.
  - Lean beef or pork, 2-3 oz.
  - Cottage cheese, ½ cup

- **Starch/Grain:**
  - (15 grams carb each)
  - Bread, 1 slice
  - Oatmeal, ½ cup cooked
  - Dry cereal, ¼ cup
  - Bagel, ¼-½
  - Pasta, ½ cup cooked
  - Rice, ½ cup cooked
  - Quinoa, ½ cup cooked
  - Baked potato, ½ medium
  - Tortilla, 1 small (6-inch)
  - Peas/corn, ½ cup
  - Lentils/beans, ½ cup cooked

- **Non-Starchy Vegetables:**
  - 1-2 cup portion
  - Asparagus
  - Cabbage
  - Lettuce
  - Carrots
  - Broccoli
  - Onion
  - Peppers
  - Cucumber
  - Celery
  - Spinach
  - Cauliflower
  - Tomatoes
  - Chard or Kale
  - Green Beans
  - Mushroom

- **Fruit:**
  - (15 grams carb each)
  - Apple/orange, 1 small
  - Berries, 1 cup
  - Banana, 1 small
  - Melon, 1 cup
  - Fruit juice, ½ cup
  - Dried fruit, 2 Tbsp.
  - Grapes or cherries, 15
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