

My25's Vegetables & Fruit Substitutions

The Person-Centered Way



(When substituting, always follow your organization's guidelines re: noting the substitution.)

As often as possible, fill your plate with ¼ lean protein, ¼ healthy starches, and ½ vegetables (or make that ¼ vegetables and ¼ fruit).



Within each of the blocks below, you may substitute any of the other foods noted in that same block, filling the plate as noted above. Additionally, any food with an asterisk* indicates a low net carbohydrate food that most health care professionals advocate, particularly for people with diabetes.



(lower calorie & lower carbohydrates)

Zucchini* Spinach* Collard greens* Cabbage* Cauliflower Broccoli* Green beans* Carrots* Brussels sprouts* Various lettuces*

Tomatoes* Cucumbers* Asparagus* Parsnips Kale Onions Eggplant* Peppers* Mushrooms*



vegetables (higher calorie & higher carbohydrates)

Peas Mixed vegetables Corn Lima beans Beets Butternut squash



fruits (lower carbohydrates & lower fiber)

Pears, canned Peaches, canned Mandarin oranges, canned Fruit cocktail, canned/cup Cantaloupe, fresh Watermelon, fresh

Honeydew melon, fresh Berries, fresh Nectarines, fresh Kiwi, fresh Tangerines, fresh



fruit (higher carbohydrates & higher fiber)

Oranges*, fresh Grapes*, fresh Plums*, fresh Apples*, fresh Bananas*, fresh Pears*, fresh Peaches*, fresh Apricots, canned Mango, fresh Pineapple, fresh or canned Prunes, dried Raisins & dried fruit