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### ...UM JUST SAYIN'



Summertime, and the living is easy !! Unfortunately, staying hydrated during the summer months can be a bit challenging. These ten high water volume foods can be delicious as well as refreshing. They are also filled with a ton of nutrients, while naturally low in calories. The general rule of thumb is to drink eight glasses of water per day for good hydration. This can be quite a task for some people, especially if you don't care for the taste of water. According to the Institute of Medicine, about 20% or one-fifth of your daily water consumption comes from solid foods, particularly fruits and vegetables. Don't care for drinking water? Why not try eating your water? You can boost your liquid intake and still stay healthy by making note of these foods to help incorporate water into your diet.

1. Apples – 84% water, High in fiber, vitamin C, potassium and anti-oxidants. Apples can help prevent cardiovascular disease and lower the risk for some cancers.

2. Cucumbers- 96% water, loaded with potassium, and anti-inflammatories which promote good heart and brain health A great summertime snack or addition to salads.

3. Watermelon – 92% water, loaded with vitamin A, B6, and C. It is rich in lycopene, antioxidants and cancer fighting agents. Lowers body temperature when chilled.

4. Celery- 95% water, Rich in luteolin and apigenin, flavonoids shown in studies to inhibit cancer cell growth. Celery also packs a nutritional punch by being rich in vitamins A, K, C and folate. It's a great stand-alone snack.

5. Tomatoes – 93% water, packed with lycopene, a carotenoid, known for its cancer fighting effects and good heart health. They are also rich in potassium, beta-carotene, folate, Vitamin A, E and C.

6. Strawberries – 90% water, Great immune system booster, rich ion vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.

7. Iceberg lettuce, 96% water. Good source of fiber, vitamins A and C. Great in salads or used as wraps

8. Grapefruit- 91% water, metabolism booster, Rich in vitamin A, folate and potassium.

9. Spinach – 96% water. High in Vitamin A and C and rich in protein.

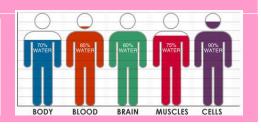
10. Oranges- 87% water. Rich in fiber, vitamin C, potassium and anti-oxidants. Promotes good heart health.



Living in South Florida makes it very important to drink lots of water in the summertime. Did you know the average human body is comprised of about 70% water? Among other things, water can help with weight control, flushes the body of toxins and helps to keep our kidneys functioning well. Our body depends on it.

Staying hydrated plays a major role in regulating the body temperature, controlling your heart rate, blood pressure and keeping a healthy balance between water and electrolytes. Good hydration helps to keep the joints lubricated and benefits our metabolism and muscle functions. Eat and Drink up My Sistaah's!

Dehydration occurs when the body loses more water than it takes in. Some symptoms of dehydration are lethargy, constipation and headaches. We lose water throughout the day when we breathe, sweat and when releasing body waste. Most of the time low hydration can be changed by taking in more fluids. In cases of severe dehydration, a physician should be contacted immediately.



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### NITTY GRITTY



The National Cancer Institute defines Physical Activity as any movement that uses skeletal muscles and requires more energy than it does at the point of resting.

#### Physical Activity and Breast Cancer Risk

The American Cancer Society recommends cancer survivors get 150 minutes of moderate activity or 75 minutes of intense physical activity, in addition to at least two strength training activities each week. It is estimated that only about 37.1 % of breast cancer survivors are meeting these requirements.

#### Quick Facts About the Relationship Between Breast Cancer and Physical Activity

#### 1 Benefits Cancer Survivors. Many studies have shown that

increased physical activity can help prevent cancer, reduce the chance of recurrence and help fight the growth of new cancers. Women who exercise moderately – 30 minutes per day, 5 days a week or 75 minutes of intense physical activity a week, reduce the risk of recurrence or death significantly.



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#### 2 Eases treatment side

effects. Physical activity helps reduce joint pain, fatigue, muscle loss and helps various long term and late effects caused by some therapies after breast cancer surgery or during treatment.

3 Reduces breast cancer specific mortality. Weight gain of more than 10% after a breast cancer diagnosis can increase mortality, making Staying active a healthy approach.

#### 4 Improves muscle strength and tone. Has positive effects on fitness/health, body composition, body movement and fatigue. Improves overall health and long-term survivorship.

#### 5 Improves psychological

outcome Regular physical activity can reduce the risk of depression and keeps thinking and cognitive skills sharp. Helps to manage or lower mood swings and reduce stress and anxiety. Consult your doctor and a psychotherapist to determine the best way to incorporate physical activity into your plan It's never too late to develop a plan.

- 6 Better Quality of Life. Studies show physical activity may improve quality of life issues for survivors like mood and body image, self-esteem, sexuality and overall emotional well-being,
- 7 Better Cancer-specific Outcomes. Consistent epidemiological studies show that women who exercise at least 3 to 5 hours a week had approximately 40% to 50% lower risk of cancer recurrence than women with a sedentary lifestyle.
- 8 Better emotional well-being and self-esteem. Survivors and women in general who feel good about themselves tend to be more physically active than those who have negative feelings about their body image or circumstances.
- 9 Lowers Body Mass Index. Your BMI, or Body Mass Index and/or hip to waist ratio provides a better measurement of whether you are overweight or obese than what the scale says. Healthcare Providers are using it more as a predictor of increased risk for many cancers and other diseases.
- 10 Lowers Cancer Risk. Physical inactivity and nutrition are the number one risks for cancer for nontobacco users. Get Moving Sistaah's!

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## WHAT'S UP?



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