

EAT ENJOY MORE PLANTS

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How did you fare with our Round 1 EAT MORE PLANTS CHALLENGE?
Did it make you more mindful of the plant based meals/snacks that you are proud to share?
Part of the eating more plants mindset is the enjoyment of eating what God has given us for our good. **Good2UGood4U**. Herbs and spices are pieces of plants that we can use to increase our enjoyment of eating other plants. Here are some guidelines of culinary herbs & spices including fresh, dried, ground and spice blends that can help you use plants to enjoy more plants.

Fruits	 Allspice, anise, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, ginger, curry, mint, agave nectar, honey, molasses
Steamed or roasted Vegetables	 Thyme, rosemary, oregano, chili, dill Himalayan Pink Salt, Sea Salt, Kosher salt Red palm oil, coconut oil, avocado oil, extra virgin olive oil
Beans & legumes	 cardamom, cilantro, coriander, cumin, fennel, garlic, ginger, mint, paprika, parsley, rosemary, parsley, oregano, thyme, turmeric
Nuts & Seeds	 Himalayan pink salt, sea salt, cinnamon, dill, maple syrup, cayenne, allspice, cumin, molasses, honey

Don't forget the Fat!

Vegetables have little to no fat but do contain tons of fat soluble vitamins. Adding some omega-3 heart-healthy unsaturated fats (avocado), and brain healthy medium chain fats (coconut oil) plant fats makes absorption of the fat soluble vitamins and compounds (think cancer fighters) available for our bodies to use.

Making your own spice blends is a great way to reduce your sodium consumption and still enjoy the taste of more plants. POPULAR SPICE BLENDS

Chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, oregano, paprika, Taco Seasoning Himalayan pink or sea salt, turmeric Rosemary, basil, oregano, thyme, garlic powder Italian Seasoning Herbs de Provence Thyme, marjoram, savory, fennel, orange zest Asian 5-spice Anise, black pepper, fennel, cinnamon, cloves, Himalayan pink salt Pumpkin Pie spice Cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, allspice, cloves (Renee's Umami Use the water from cooked chickpeas marinated with dried shitake Max) R.U.M. mushrooms for 2-3 days in the refrigerator. Strain out mushrooms and freeze for future use.

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ALLSPICE **OREGANO BASIL** CHILI **CUMIN GINGER** MUSTARD **PAPRIKA SAVORY** NUTMEG **THYME GARLIC** ROSEMARY SAGE CINNAMON **CLOVES** DILL **PEPPER FENNEL PINK SALT SEASALT TURMERIC PEPITAS** SPICE BLEND

Hey Men! Yes you.

Do you want to reduce or **prevent** urinary problems from enlarged prostate?

Do you want to maintain your testosterone levels?

Do you want to manage your blood pressure and heart health?

Do you want to have better sleep quality?

EAT MORE PUMPKIN SEEDS (aka pepitas)

- zinc (immune system, testosterone)
- magnesium (muscle health, better sleep, stress-fighting)
- manganese, phosphorous
- copper and vitamin K (wound healing, immune system)
- iron (convert food to energy)
- omega-3 fats (reduced inflammation; heart health; healthy blood flow)
- 6 grams of plant protein in every ½ cup!