# Eat for Fat Loss: Hand Portion Guide

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# **EASY Portion Control**

Your hand is proportionate to your body, its size never changes, and it's always with you, making it the perfect tool for measuring food and nutrients - minimal counting required.



A serving of protein = 1 palm



A serving of vegetables = 1 fist



A serving of carbs = 1 cupped hand



A serving of fats = 1 thumb

Active men do best with 6-8 servings of each food group per day ( $\sim$ 2,300-3,000 kcal). Active women do best with 4-6 servings of each food group per day ( $\sim$ 1,500 - 2,100 kcal).

From there, adjust the number of portions to meet your personal needs and goals.

# IF YOU NEED MORE FOOD BECAUSE YOU...

- Are larger in stature
- · Aren't feeling satisfied at meals
- · Eat less frequently throughout the day
- Are very active
- Are trying to gain muscle
- · Aren't getting muscle-gain results

# IF YOU NEED LESS FOOD BECAUSE YOU...

- Are smaller in stature
- Are feeling too full at meals
- · Eat more frequently throughout the day
- Are not very active
- · Are trying to lose weight
- Aren't getting weight-loss results

## ...THEN START BY ADDING...

Men: 1 cupped handful of carbs and/or 1 thumb of fat to a few meals each day.

Women: 1/2 cupped handful of carbs and/ or 1/2 thumb of fat to a few meals each day.

#### ...THEN START BY REMOVING...

Men: 1 cupped handful of carbs and/or 1 thumb of fat from a few meals each day.
Women: 1/2 cupped handful of carbs and/ or 1/2 thumb of fat from a few meals each day.

This system is easier than counting calories and nearly as accurate. Just like with counting, though, pay attention to results and adjust as needed.



Men:

Two palm-sized portions (~ 40-60 g protein)



#### **PROTEIN**

Meat, fish, eggs, cottage cheese, and Greek yogurt



#### Women:

One palm-sized portion (~ 20-30 g protein)





Men:

Two fist-sized portions



#### **VEGETABLES**

Broccoli, spinach, salad, carrots, etc.



# Women:

One fist-sized portion



Men:

Two cupped-hand sized portions (~ 40-60 g carbs)



## **CARBOHYDRATES**

Grains, starches, beans, and fruits



## Women:

One cupped-hand sized portion (~ 20-30 g carbs)





## Men:

Two thumb-sized portions (~ 15-25 g fat)



#### **FATS**

Oils, butters, nut butters, nuts, and seeds



### Women:

One thumb-sized portion (~ 7-12 g fat)