## The Heart Beat

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### DRINK UP! TIPS FOR STAYING HYDRATED

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It's important to stay hydrated, especially for our senior population. As we age, our bodies become less efficient at regulating body temperature and retaining fluids, making dehydration a greater risk. Here are some tips:

- Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. Set a goal of at least 8-10 cups of fluids per day, including water, herbal tea, and juices.
- Eat hydrating foods: Such as watermelon, cucumbers, tomatoes, and strawberries which have high water content.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine: These drinks can cause dehydration.
- $\bullet$  Stay indoors during peak heat hours: The sun is strongest between 10 am and 5 pm.
- Dress appropriately: Wear loose, light-colored clothing and a hat when outside to avoid overheating.
- Keep a water bottle ALWAYS within reach, whether at home or out and about.
- Consider using a humidifier: Dry air can cause dehydration, so using a humidifier in the home can help keep you hydrated.
- Check for signs of dehydration: for example dark urine, dry mouth, fatigue, and dizziness. If you notice any of these symptoms, drink fluids and seek medical attention if necessary.

Remember, staying hydrated is essential for good health. Stay cool and hydrated!

### MOWCC UPDATES/REMINDERS

- If additional food is needed, please contact client services at 469-731-4866.
- If you are needing transportation within Collin County or need accessibility modifications such as wheelchair ramps and widening doors, please call Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas at 1-800-272-3921
- If you are 60 and older and need counseling, call your Social Worker or Client Services at 469-731-4866
- Meals on Wheels Collin County will be closed May 29th for Memorial Day. A shelf-stable meal will be sent before the holiday for clients to eat.

Menu items may change at the last minute due to food industry supply issues. Thank you for your patience.







"MOWCC is committed to battling the fight against senior hunger as we **deliver** essential meals to our senior community. Through this contact, we also give **hope** to those seniors in isolation through the smiles of each volunteer."

Zella Tyson, M.P.H. Chief Executive Officer



# Menu

**Licensed Dietitian** Created by our







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetable Lasagna Capri Vegetables, Italian Stewed Tomatoes, Oatmeal Cream Pie, 2% Milk Quart Calories: 623 Carbs: 87g Fat: 19g Protein: 26g Sodium: 1059mg	Greek Chicken Mixed Vegetables White Beans w/ Rosemary Graham Crackers, Apple Calories: 675 Carbs: 88g Fat: 15g Protein: 46g Sodium: 444mg	Chicken Enchiladas Seasoned Black Beans Chuckwagon Corn Yogurt Calories: 831 Carbs: 109g Fat: 25g Protein: 47g Sodium: 791mg	Egg Salad w/Turkey Ham 3 Bean Salad Spiced Peaches Crackers, Pudding Calories: 609 Carbs: 68g Fat: 26g Protein: 26g Sodium: 946mg	BBQ Chicken Breast Baked Beans Carrots, Graham Crackers Pear Cup Calories: 639 Carbs: 96g Fat: 11g Protein: 44g Sodium: 1064mg
8 Hawaiian Turkey Meatballs over rice, Oriental Veg, Baby Carrots, Strawberry Raisins 2% Milk Quart Calories: 609 Carbs: 96g Fat: 10g Protein: 32g Sodium: 732mg	Marinara Baked Pasta Winter Blend Vegetables Roasted Sweet Potatoes Fig Bar Calories: 632 Carbs: 98g Fat: 17g Protein: 23g Sodium: 713mg	Sundried Tomato Chicken Salad, Potato Salad Diced Beets Crackers, Jell-O Calories: 601 Carbs: 70g Fat: 20g Protein: 33g Sodium: 950mg	Chicken Makhani Rice & Lentil Pilaf Zucchini Lorna Doone Cookie Calories: 610 Carbs: 65g Fat: 19g Protein: 43g Sodium: 393mg	Mini Chicken Corn Dogs Corn, Lima Beans Mustard Packet Yogurt Calories: 729 Carbs: 117g Fat: 20g Protein: 32g Sodium: 836mg
Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green Beans, California Blend Veg, Graham Crackers Craisins, 2% Milk Quart Calories: 607 Carbs: 104g Fat: 14g Protein: 29g Sodium: 754mg	Chicken w/ Cajun Sauce Broccoli Black Eyed Peas Oatmeal Cream Pie Calories: 604 Carbs 65g Fat: 17g Protein: 49g Sodium: 521mg	BBQ Chicken Salad Broccoli Salad Cinnamon Applesauce Crackers Calories: 796 Carbs: 56g Fat: 46g Protein: 41g Sodium: 710mg	French Toast Sticks Scrambled Eggs Breakfast Potatoes Yogurt, Pancake Syrup Calories: 812 Carbs: 116g Fat 25g Protein: 34g Sodium: 786mg	Chicken Spaghetti Brussel Sprouts Italian Vegetables Applesauce Calories: 611 Carbs: 67g Fat: 18g Protein: 46 g Sodium: 523 mg
BBQ Beef Meatballs Roasted Sweet Potatoes Cream Corn, Granola Bar 2% Milk Quart Calories: 736 Carbs: 95g Fat 25g Protein: 36g Sodium: 847mg	Chicken Sausage w/ Peppers Chicken Sausage w/ Peppers Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Tropical Fruit Cup Calories: 668 Carbs: 88g Fat 17g Protein: 40g Sodium: 775mg	24 Cod Fish Sticks Mashed Sweet Potatoes Okra & Tomatoes Tartar Sauce, Fresh Orange Calories: 670 Carbs: 88g Fat 26g Protein: 23g Sodium: 879mg	Chicken Cacciatore Herbed Rice Peas & Carrots Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Calonies: 616 Carbs: 79g Fat: 15g Protein: 43 Sodium: 503mg	Taco Casserole Veggie Brown Rice Chuckwagon Corn Pudding Cup Calories: 635 Carbs: 85g Fat: 21g Protein: 28g Sodium 416mg
HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY: Meals on Wheels is closed today. Please eat the meal that was previously sent.	30 Cheeseburger Macaroni Peas & Pearl Onions Capri Vegetables Fig bar, 2% Milk Quart Calories: 757 Carbs: 91g Fat: 29g Protein: 33g Sodium: 590mg	931  Pulled Chicken BBQ Sandwich, Mixed Veggies Tater Tots, Hamburger Bun Pear Cup Calories: 678 Carbs: 94g Fat: 15g Protein: 43g Sodium: 1040mg		

TO CANCEL A MEAL: all by 2PM the day 72-562-6996 efore.

### **MERGENCY MEAL** SOXES

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### **AILK QUARTS**

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## MENU CHANGES

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### UTRITION

provide a minimum of 1/3 of provide target nutrients for alt-free products are used he daily nutritional needs or older adults. No salt is idded during cooking and optimal health. All meals Our nourishing meals as much ------as



deliver.