## Bite-Sized Tips on Portion Control

## Build a balanced plate and keep portions in check

## Portioning your plate

Make your plate great with half (50\%) non-starchy vegetables, one-quarter ( $25 \%$ ) protein and one-quarter ( $25 \%$ ) grains and starchy foods. Include a serving of fruit and/or dairy as your carbohydrate goals allow. ${ }^{1}$

Portions for discretionary calories

It's a common myth that people with diabetes have to avoid sugar entirely.
Sweets in moderation and nutritious foods with added sugars can be part of a healthy diet, as long as the total carbohydrates fit within your daily goal. ${ }^{2}$

No measuring cups in sight?
Use these everyday items instead! ${ }^{3}$

## $1 / 2$ cup

Ice cream


Lightbulb = $1 / 2$ cup

DAIRY

Dark chocolate


Pair of dice = 1 oz.



## 1 Tbsp.

Jam, sugar, maple syrup, honey


Tip of thumb = $1 \mathbf{T b s p}$.

## Portion control tips

Keep portions in check with
these tips and tricks!


Use smaller plates and bowls for meals and snacks.


Serve yourself using a measuring cup to know exactly how much is going on your plate.


Keep food off the counters and in your pantry. Out of sight, out of mind.

