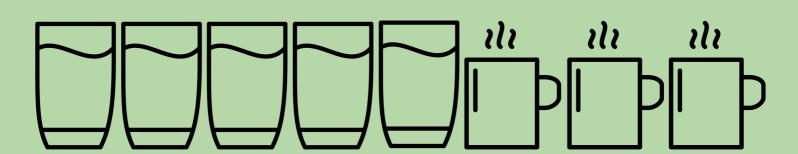


Best reasons to drink coffee



Good news for coffee drinkers:

You need 72 to 104 ounces of water a day. Coffee counts, up to 40 ounces a day.



Benefits



Good source of:

Antioxidants Potassium

Magnesium

Water



May decrease risk of:

Kidney stones

Gallstones in men

Suicide in women

Cirrhosis of the liver

Alzheimer's disease

Parkinson's disease



Two cups of coffee beforehand can cut post-workout pain by



48º/n

Decreases risk of Type 2 Diabetes by 90/0

Colorectal cancer by

26%

Liver cancer by 290/0

Cautions

When you should limit coffee



People with some heart conditions

If you are pregnant

Children 12 or under

If you have acid reflux or heartburn

If you have insomnia or anxiety

If you breakdown caffeine slowly



If you have high cholesterol, use a paper filter

Increase in cholesterol if coffee, like espresso, is made without a paper filter:

10%

If you have anemia, drink coffee between meals.

Amount of iron absorption blocked by regular or decaf coffee if consumed with a meal:

35%







Calories count

Don't let your coffee turn into dessert



8 ounces

Brewed coffee 2 calories

Instant coffee 4 calories

McDonald's latte 170 calories

Starbucks cafe mocha, 2% milk (no whip) 150 calories

Extras (1 Tbsp.)

Sugar 48 calories

Liquid flavor non-dairy creamer 35 calories

Powder plain, non-dairy creamer 33 calories

Half & half 20 calories

Sources

healthyeater.com caffeineinformer.com starbucks.com mcdonalds.com

Fat-free milk

Sara Lee Thomas, RD

5 calories