

## Food Guide





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## Major Dietary Oral Health Risk Factors



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## Food Standards for a Healthy Mouth



- 1. Mineral deficiencies in the diet (calcium, magnesium, phosphorus)
- 2. Fat-soluble vitamin deficiencies in the diet (vitamins A, D, E, K)
- 3. Consumption of foods rich in phytic acid (grains, nuts, seeds, beans)
- 4. Consumption of carbohydrate-rich foods (processed sugar and starch)
- 5. High frequency and long duration of snacking
- 1. Must promote an alkaline environment
- 2. Must support a healthy gut microbiome
- 3. Must support a healthy oral microbiome
- 4. Must be an excellent source of minerals
- 5. Must be an excellent source of fat soluble vitamins
- 6. Must be low in phytic acid
- 7. Must be low in carbohydrates (avoid processed sugar and starch)
- 8. Must support a healthy psychological response
- 9. Must support a healthy hormonal system
- 10. Must support a healthy immune system

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## Top Anti-Inflammatory Foods for a Healthy Mouth



Ginger Green Leafy Vegetables

Turmeric Celery

Chia Seeds Beets

Bok Choy Broccoli

Walnuts Blueberries

Coconut Oil Pineapple

Flax Salmon

**Bad for Teeth** 

Vegetables: Potatoes, Pickles Fruit: Dried Fruit, Bananas Dairy: Cream Cheese, Sour Cream Protein: Bacon, Sausage Seeds/Nuts: Peanuts

Beverages: Soda, Fruit Juices

Better for Teeth

Vegetables: Broccoli, Celery Fruit: Strawberries, Pineapples Dairy: Greek Yogurt, Eggs Protein: Trout, Tuna

Seeds/Nuts: Walnuts, Pistachios Beverages: Whole-Fat Milk, Kefir Best for Teeth

Vegetables: Avocado, Spinach Fruit: Apples, Blueberries Dairy: Cheese, Ghee Protein: Salmon, Chicken Seeds/Nuts: Almonds, Flaxseed Beverages: Water, Green Tea

