### **The Nutrition Facts Label** Look for It and Use It!



Check the serving size and servings per container. The nutrition information listed on the Nutrition Facts label is usually based on one serving of the food.

Packages can – and often do – contain more than one serving! If you eat multiple servings, you're getting "multiples" on calories and nutrients, too.

#### 2SERVINGS=CALORIES&NUTRIENTSX2

Calories from food provide the energy your body needs to function and grow. Balance the number of calories you eat and drink with the number of calories you burn during physical activity. Curious about calorie needs? Check out www.choosemyplate.gov/MyPlatePlan.

Consider the **Calories** 

Size up

Servings

TIP: 100 calories per serving of an individual food is considered a moderate amount and 400 calories or more per serving of an individual food is considered high in calories.

Nutritio	n I	Facts
4 servings per con <b>Serving size 1</b> <sup>.</sup>		
Amount per serving Calories		240
		% Daily Value*
Total Fat 4g		5%
Saturated Fat 1.5g		8%
Trans Fat 0g		
Cholesterol 5mg		2%
Sodium 430mg		19%
Total Carbohydrate	<b>e</b> 46g	17%
Dietary Fiber 7g		25%
Total Sugars 4g		
Includes 2g Adde	ed Sug	rs <b>4%</b>
Protein 11g		
Vitamin D 2mcg		10%
Calcium 260mg		20%
Iron 6mg		35%
Potassium 240mg		6%

a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice

## **Use %DV**

% Daily Value (%DV) is the percentage of the Daily Value (reference amounts of nutrients to consume or not to exceed each day for adults and children 4 years of age and older) and shows how much a nutrient in a serving of the food contributes to a total daily diet. Use %DV to see how a food's nutrients stack up and choose foods that are higher in nutrients to get more of and lower in nutrients to get less of.

### Nutrients To Get More Of

Compare and choose foods to get 100% DV of these on most days:

- Dietary Fiber
  Iron
- Vitamin D
- Calcium

# Wisely

- Potassium

#### Eat a variety of foods to get the nutrients your body needs, including:

each day:

Sodium

Saturated Fat

Added Sugars

Fruits and vegetables

• Whole grains

Dairy products

Lean meats and poultry

Choose

**Nutrients** 

- Eggs
- Seafood
- Beans and peas
  - Soy products

TIP: 5% DV or less per serving is low and 20% DV or more per serving is high

**Nutrients To** 

Get Less Of

get less than 100% DV of these

Compare and choose foods to

Unsalted nuts and seeds

• Trans Fat (Note: Trans

grams as a guide)

fat has no %DV. so use



