




PREPARING FOR YOUR COLONOSCOPY



Low-Fiber Diet for Colonoscopy Preparation

Three days before your colonoscopy, eat only low-fiber foods listed below.
Two days before, continue eating only low-fiber foods.

See the clear liquid chart for the day before, and day of, your colonoscopy.

TYPE OF FOOD OR DRINK	YES — OK to EAT THESE FOODS	NO — AVOID THESE FOODS
Milk and dairy 	OK to eat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Milk• Cream• Hot chocolate• Buttermilk• Cheese, including cottage cheese• Yogurt• Sour cream	NO yogurt mixed with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• nuts, seeds, granola• fruit with skin or seeds (such as berries)
Bread and grains 	OK to eat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breads and grains made with refined white flour (including rolls, muffins, bagels, pasta)• White rice• Plain crackers, such as Saltines• Low-fiber cereal (including puffed rice, cream of wheat, corn flakes)	NO whole grains or high-fiber: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brown or wild rice• Whole grain bread, rolls, pasta, or crackers• Whole grain or high-fiber cereal (including granola, raisin bran, oatmeal)• Bread or cereal with nuts or seeds
Meat 	OK to eat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chicken• Turkey• Lamb• Lean pork• Veal• Fish and seafood• Eggs• Tofu	NO tough meat with gristle

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Legumes



None allowed

NO:

- Dried peas (including split or black-eyed)
- Dried beans (including kidney, pinto, garbanzo/chickpea)
- Lentils
- Any other legume

Fruits



OK to eat:

- Fruit juice without pulp
- Applesauce
- Ripe cantaloupe and honeydew
- Ripe, peeled apricots and peaches
- Canned or cooked fruit without seeds or skin

NO seeds, skin, membranes; or dried fruit:

- Raw fruit with seeds, skin, or membranes (includes berries, pine apple, apples, oranges, watermelon)
- Any cooked or canned fruit with seeds or skin
- Raisins or other dried fruit

Vegetables



OK for some if cooked or canned:

- Canned or cooked vegetables without skin or peel (includes peeled carrots, mushrooms, turnips, asparagus tips)
- Potatoes without skin
- Cucumbers without seeds or peel

NO raw, skin, seeds, peel; or certain other vegetables:

- Corn
- Potatoes with skin
- Tomatoes
- Cucumbers with seeds and peel
- Cooked cabbage or Brussels sprouts
- Green peas
- Summer and winter squash
- Lima beans
- Onions

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Nuts, nut butter, seeds



OK to eat:

- Creamy (smooth) peanut or almond butter

NO nuts or seeds:

- Nuts including peanuts, almonds, walnuts
- Chunky nut butter
- Seeds such as fennel, sesame, pumpkin, sunflower

Fats and oils



OK to eat:

- Butter
- Margarine
- Vegetable and other oils
- Mayonnaise
- Salad dressings made without seeds or nuts

NO salad dressing made with seeds or nuts

Soups



OK to eat:

- Broth, bouillon, consomme, and strained soups
- Milk or cream-based soup, strained

No:

- Unstrained soups
- Chili
- Lentil soup
- Dried bean soup
- Corn soup
- Pea soup

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Desserts



OK to eat:

- Custard
- Plain pudding
- Ice cream
- Sherbet or sorbet
- Jell-O or gelatin without added fruit or red or purple dye
- Cookies or cake made with white flour, prepared without seeds, dried fruit, or nuts

NO:

- Coconut
- Anything with seeds or nuts
- Anything with added red or purple dye
- Cookies or cakes made with whole grain flour, seeds, dried fruit, or nuts

Drinks or beverages



OK to eat:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot chocolate or cocoa
- Clear fruit drinks (no pulp)
- Soda and other carbonated beverages
- Ensure, Boost, or Enlive without added fiber

NO:

- Fruit or vegetable juice with pulp
- Beverages with red or purple dye

Other



OK to eat:

- Sugar
- Salt
- Jelly
- Honey
- Syrup
- Lemon juice

NO:

- Coconut
- Popcorn
- Jam
- Marmalade
- Relishes
- Pickles
- Olives
- Stone-ground mustard