

Shrink a Size (Without Counting Every Calorie!)

Start "smartsizing" your portions and you could lose 10 pounds without Dieting with a capital D. How is that possible? Portion control. Cut 100 calories a day, and the pounds will fall off. "It's as easy as leaving the last few bites of pasta on your plate, or splitting dessert," says Lisa Young, Ph.D., R.D., a professor of nutrition at New York University and author of The Portion Teller Plan. Check out the foods that have grown in proportion to our waistlines over the years.

Soda

THEN: In 1960, a bottle of Coke was 6.5 ounces. NOW: Coke offers a bottle that holds 20 ounces. That's a big gulp!



Pasta

THEN: In 1960, an average serving size was 1.5 ounces. NOW: A serving size is double that.



Muffins

THEN: In 1960, an average muffin was 2 to 3 ounces. **NOW:** Muffins are 2 to 3 times that size.



Fries

THEN: In 1972, McDonald's large fries were 3.5 ounces. NOW: Large fries can feed three people.



Green 101

During April, Whole Foods Market is sponsoring a program called THE WHOLE EARTH

WEIGH IN-30 WAYS IN 30 DAYS. Pick up a free booklet at a store near you to learn about environmentally safe products (like Ecover detergents and cleaners), to find earth-friendly brands (for example, Stonyfield Farm gives 10 percent of its profits to environmental causes) and to get eco tips. An easy one: Unplug appliances, cell phones and computers, which use electricity even when you're not using them. Go to wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/index.html to find a location near you.

DROP THE REMOTE AND NO ONE GETS FAT!

THOSE WHO DINE À-LA-TUBE CONSUME AN

AVERAGE OF 288 MORE CALORIES PER MEAL

THAN THOSE WHO DON'T. THE REASON?

WHEN YOU'RE DISTRACTED, YOUR BRAIN HAS

TROUBLE DETERMINING THAT YOU'RE FULL.

-University of Massachusetts study



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