Women NUTRIENT NEEDS

Energy	1200-1500 kcals per day as a general guideline - Should result in a safe weight loss of 1-2 pounds per week	NOTES
Carbohydrate	 45-65% of energy as carbohydrate Recommend 2 cups fruit per day Recommend 2-3 cups vegetable per day Choose whole grain breads and cereals Include fat-free (skim)/low-fat (1%) dairy products Minimize intake of refined carbohydrates and added sugars 	
Protein	- Limit added sugar to 25g per day 15-30% of energy as protein Recommend 60-75 grams protein per day (20% of energy)	
Fluid	At least 64 ounces per day	
Fat	 25-35% of energy as total fat <7% of total calories as saturated fat Up to 10% of total calories as polyunsaturated fat Up to 20% of total calories as monounsaturated fat 	
Cholesterol	<200 mg per day	
Fiber	25 grams per day	



