

Nutrition Facts

Fruit Juice

Canada's Food Guide no longer includes fruit juice as a healthy choice and recommends limiting or avoiding all sugary drinks, including fruit juice. While juice provides some nutrients to the diet, it is just as high in sugar as other sugary drinks like punch and pop.

Water is the drink of choice. However, if you decide to offer fruit juice to your child, here is the recommendation for all children provided by the Canadian Pediatric Society:



Limit juice to one serving 125 mL (4 oz.) or (1/2 cup) of 100% unsweetened juice per day.

Concerns about Drinking Too Much Juice

Did you know that kids drink more fruit juice, fruit drinks and pop than any other beverage? This can be a big problem! These sweet drinks are replacing water and milk. Milk and unsweetened fortified soy beverage is a source of calcium and vitamin D and other important nutrients, which help children have strong, healthy bones and teeth.

Too much fruit juice can be filling and not leave room for other healthy foods. It can also cause cavities, diarrhea and provide extra energy that could lead to weight gain. "Juicing" or making homemade juice isn't "healthier" because the fibre is removed.

It's better to eat your fruit than drink it! Whole fruit provides the benefit of fibre.

Offer:	Avoid:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Water instead of juice when your child is thirsty.✓ Milk at meals and snacks.✓ Whole fruits instead of juice.✓ Serve juice with a meal or a snack but limit 100% fruit juice to one serving of 125 ml (4 oz.) or (½ cup) per day.✓ Serve juice (and others fluids) in an open cup.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">× Juice for infants under 6 months of age.× Sweetened beverages like sport and energy drinks, punch, pop, fruit cocktails and fruit drinks.× Coffee, iced tea and herbal tea.× Large servings of juice and making juice available all day long.× Juice offered in a baby bottle or sippy cup.

Making Sense of all the “Juice” Choices

Avoid products called a **fruit juice cocktail**, a **beverage**, a **drink**, a **nectar** or a **punch**. They are made with very little or no real fruit juice, are high in sugar and contain very few nutrients.

Choose juices that show the following words on the product package: “**100% Unsweetened Fruit Juice**” and “**100% Pure Fruit Juice**”, “**No Sugar Added**”

Just because a product has a fruity name OR pictures of fruit or fruit characters on the label doesn't always mean that the drink is made from real fruit!

Read the ingredients list.



Read the Nutrition Facts Table and Ingredient List

Take a look at the serving size.
Some products can be misleading. The serving size doesn't always match the amount in the container that you will drink.

For “no added sugar” juices, sugar may still be listed on the Nutrition Facts. This is because 100% fruit juice naturally contains sugar from fruit. **Read the ingredients list.**

When words like **sugar** or **glucose** are the first ingredients listed... it is likely not the best choice!

Other ingredients to watch for: honey, raw sugar, cane sugar, cane juice, corn syrup, dextrose, sucrose, fructose.

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Per 1 package (200 mL)
pour 1 emballage (200 mL)

Amount Teneur	% Daily Value % valeur quotidienne
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Calories / Calories 90

Fat / Lipides 0 g 0 %

Sodium / Sodium 15 mg 1 %

Potassium / Potassium 200 mg 6 %

Carbohydrate / Glucides 23 g 8 %

Sugars / Sucres 21 g

Protein / Protéines 0.3 g

Vitamin C / Vitamine C 120 %

Not a significant source of saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, fibre, vitamin A, calcium or iron.

Source négligeable de lipides saturés, lipides trans, cholestérol, fibres, vitamine A, calcium et fer.

Ingredients: Apple juice from concentrate (filtered water, concentrated apple juice), vitamin C.