# How can I lower my blood pressure?

### Cut out salty foods and seasonings.

- Use fresh herbs and spices to season your food instead of salt and seasonings.
- Fresh herbs like basil, dill, cilantro, sage, and thyme are great for adding flavor
- You can also spice up your food with cinnamon, all spice, cayenne, curry, and garlic

## Eat 2 potassium fruits or vegetables every day.

- Potassium fruits are bananas, oranges, watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew, and tomatoes.
- Potassium vegetables are mushroom, sweet potato, spinach and sun-dried tomatoes.

#### **Breathe!**

• Each day, find a **quiet place** to sit for 5 minutes with your eyes closed. Focus on deep, slow breaths in and out.

### **Listen to soft , calming music.**

Listen to music that relaxes you.

## Go for walks and spend time outside in a park.

• Fresh air and green spaces lower blood pressure.

#### Get lots of sleep.

• We need at least 7-8 hours of sleep each night.

#### Drink lots of water.

Bring a water bottle with you everywhere you go.



