

Foods to Combat High Blood Pressure

The following specific foods may help to lower blood pressure. Try to incorporate as many as you can into your diet.

Proteins:

- Soy, (fermented) 30gm daily: natto, tofu, tempeh, miso
- hydrolyzed whey
- legumes (vegetable protein)
- cold water fish: sardines, herring, haddock, salmon or trout
- foods high in L-arginine: lentils, hazelnuts, walnuts, peanuts 3.3 gm daily

Vegetables and Fruit:

- seaweed (hijiki and wakame)
- garlic, 1-4 fresh cloves/day
- mushrooms – ½ cup shitake, maitake
- celery, 4 stalks/day
- foods high in lycopene: tomatoes, guava, watermelon, apricots, pink grapefruit, papaya

Fats and Oils:

- olive oil, flax and canola oils

Carbohydrates:

- increase **complex** carbohydrates
- increase high fiber whole grains: oatmeal, oatbran, barley, wheat
- fiber: psyllium 7gm