GREEN OPTIONS

All vegetables promote healthful eating; however, during the weight-loss phase of your plan, we do eliminate the highest-carbohydrate vegetables (such as carrots, corn, peas, onions, and brussels sprouts) in order to enhance your weight-loss results. Once you transition to the Maintenance phase of the program, we encourage you to include ALL vegetables for long-term health.

Select ANY combination of three (3) servings for your Lean & Green Meal.

LOWER CARBOHYDRATE

HIGHER CARBOHYDRATE

Celery (1/2 cup)Collards, fresh/raw (1 cup) Cucumber (1/2 cup)Endive (1 cup) Green leaf (1 cup) Lettuce, butterhead (1 cup) Lettuce, iceberg (1 cup) Mushroom, white (1/2 cup)Mustard greens (1 cup) Radishes (1/2 cup)Romaine lettuce (1 cup) Spinach, fresh/raw (1 cup) Spring mix (1 cup) Sprouts: alfalfa, mung bean (1/2 cup)Turnip greens (1/2 cup)Watercress (1 cup)

Asparagus (1/2 cup) Cabbage (1/2 cup) Cauliflower (1/2 cup) Eggplant (1/2 cup) Fennel bulb (1/2 cup) Kale (1/2 cup) Mushroom, portabella (1/2 cup) Spinach, cooked (1/2 cup) Summer squash: zucchini, scallop (1/2 cup)

Broccoli (1/2 cup) Cabbage, red (1/2 cup)Collard or mustard greens, cooked (1/2 cup)Green or wax beans (1/2 cup)Kohlrabi (1/2 cup) Okra (1/2 cup)Peppers: green, red, yellow (1/2 cup)Scallions, raw (1/2 cup)Summer squash: crookneck, straightneck (1/2 cup)Tomato, red ripe (1/2 cup)Turnips (1/2 cup)Winter squash: spaghetti squash $(1/2 \, \text{cup})$

All vegetables on the Medifast Approved Vegetable List can be used in conjunction with the 5 & 1 Plan. This chart will help you identify the relative carbohydrate levels of these approved vegetables. If you hit a weight-loss plateau or are having trouble achieving the fat-burning state, we recommend you choose vegetables primarily from the lower carbohydrate side, as opposed to choices from the higher carbohydrate side.

*Note - The optimal fat-burning state can be achieved with a total daily carbohydrate intake of approximately 80-85 grams. If you find it difficult to limit your carbohydrate intake to this level, try reducing the use of condiments and/or choose not to consume a daily snack.