

TOP TEN LOW GLYCEMIC SAVVY SNACKS

Keep healthy snacks handy! Scheduled snacking is a smart strategy for maintaining stable blood glucose and achieving your weight goal. Snacks help you stay motivated by avoiding hunger, which is what often leads us to abandoning our program.

Dr. Karen's Top 10 Low-glycemic Savvy Snacks:

- **1. Yogurt:** Buy low-fat or nonfat, no-sugar added. I love plain Greek yogurt. Yogurts with "live cultures" are healthiest. If you are sensitive to dairy, try a soy yogurt.
- **2. Nuts**: An ideal combination of unsaturated fat, protein and carbs. Nuts are portable and nutritious. Buy raw, unsalted nuts or peanuts in the shell; average size is a "handful," about 200 calories, depending on the variety.
- **3. Hummus:** Two tablespoons of hummus with cut-up crunchy veggies.
- **4.** A Hard Boiled Egg: A perfectly balanced snack.
- 5. Peanut Butter and Celery: One or two celery stalks and 1 table- spoon of peanut butter
- **6. Fruit:** Whole fruit including berries, melon, apples, oranges and grapefruit have the most fiber and fewest grams of carbohydrates per serving. Eat along with some nonfat yogurt, low-fat cheese, or a handful of nuts.
- 7. Spaghetti Squash: Baked spaghetti squash topped with vegetables makes a great snack.
- 8. Edamame: One and a half cups of edamame make a great snack.
- **9. Eggplant:** I love to sauté eggplant in a splash of olive oil.
- **10.** Low-glycemic Snack Bar: I always have a healthy snack bar available that has good protein, healthy fats, and low-glycemic carbohydrates to hold my hunger and keep my energy.



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