

ABG Wellness

Why Drink More Water

Did you know

Approximately two-thirds of the adult human body is made of water.

- your lungs are 90% water
- your blood is 83% water
- Your brain is 80% water
- your muscles (including your heart) are 75% water,
- your skin is 64% water
- your bones are 30% water

It is important to think of water as a **nutrient** your body needs to stay properly hydrated this will tremendously benefit your health.

1. Great Brain

Since your brain is mostly water, drinking it helps you in a number of ways, including:

- Improving concentration and cognition
- Helping to balance your mood and emotions
- Maintaining memory function
- [Increasing blood flow](#) and oxygen to your brain
- Preventing and relieving headaches
- [Reducing stress](#)

2. Weight Loss

Drinking water helps you lose weight by acting as an effective appetite suppressant so you will feel fuller and eat less – all with zero calories! Drinking plenty of water also prevents fluid retention, because your body won't try to retain water if it's getting enough. [Managing your cravings](#) could be as simple as drinking more water.

Additionally, multiple research studies have demonstrated that drinking a large, cool glass of water will increase your metabolism by 24-30% for up to 90 minutes.

3. Detoxify

Your body fluids transport waste products in and out of your cells, while your kidneys and liver flush those waste products and other toxins out of your body. However, this process can only work properly and efficiently if you are well hydrated. When you are not drinking enough water, you are at an increased risk of developing kidney stones and experiencing urinary tract infections.

4. Maintain Regularity

Sufficient hydration keeps things flowing along your gastrointestinal tract and helps prevent constipation. Water helps dissolve waste particles and passes them smoothly through your digestive tract. If you're dehydrated, your body pulls water from your stools to maintain hydration, leaving your colon dry and making it more difficult to pass waste.

5. Healthy Muscles

Being adequately hydrated is very important when exercising. Drinking water helps prevent muscle cramping and lubricates the joints in your body.

Additionally, drinking water can actually make your muscles stronger. Water carries oxygen to the cells of your body, including those of your muscles. Being well hydrated enables your muscles to work longer and harder before they [feel tired](#), and this will help you build muscle.

6. Youthful Skin

Your skin contains lots of water and functions as a protective barrier to prevent excess fluid loss. Drinking plenty of water hydrates skin cells and plumps them up, making your face look younger. Water helps to replenish skin tissues, moisturizes your skin, and increases the elasticity of your skin. It also flushes out impurities and improves circulation and blood flow, helping your skin glow.

As you can see, proper hydration is critical to health and vitality. It is recommended that you drink at least 84 ounces of water a day.

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