## KEEPING HYDRATED IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR HEALTH.

It increases energy, boosts your immune system, and even improves your mood.

More hydration information on the flipside!





## **GET IN THE H<sub>2</sub>KNOW.**

It's happening whenever you breathe, perspire, or use the restroom: your body is losing water. Suddenly your mouth is dry and you feel irritable, sluggish, and lightheaded. **That's dehydration at work.** 



The good news? It's easy to fight with water and some common-sense guidelines.

## JUST ADD WATER.

- Men should drink at least 13 cups of water per day; women 9 cups. (That's 1.5–2 refills of your Highmark water bottle!)
- Weigh yourself before and after exercising. For every pound lost, replenish with two cups of water.
- Stick to water when rehydrating. Avoid juices, sugary drinks, and caffeinated beverages.

## FIVE STEALTH TIPS FOR STAYING HYDRATED.



Eat water-rich foods like cucumber, leafy greens, melon, and citrus.

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Drink a glass of water when you first wake up — you even lose fluids while you sleep!



Prep your body by drinking water before exercising or going out in hot weather.



Add a twist of lemon or lime or even berries or herbs if plain H<sub>2</sub>O is just too bland.



Keep a water bottle nearby and filled throughout the day!

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