10 TIPS TO HEALTHY AGING

Waterbury HEALTH

1. BE ACTIVE

Older adults should engage in at least **150 MINUTES OF MODERATE ACTIVITY A WEEK.**

Exercise benefits include:

- Immune system boost
- Improved balance
- Prevention of memory loss • Reduced chronic pain
- Improved quality of sleep



2. EAT WELL

Increase the number of fruits and vegetables you eat everyday. The United States Department of Agriculture recommends 2 cups of fruit and 2.5 cups of vegetables daily.



3. PRACTICE PREVENTION

Remember annual vision, dental and health screenings to stay on top of any changes in your health.



4. KNOW YOUR STATUS

Take the lead on managing your medications, following your healthcare plan and following up with your doctor.

5. GET ENOUGH SI FFP It is important to get HOURS of sleep for the body to rejuvenate,

which is critical to healthy aging.



6. CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS

Stay connected with the people who matter, and build a support system.

7. ENGAGE **YOUR BRAIN**

Keeping your brain active through reading, writing, or crossword puzzles can help delay memory decline that leads to dementia.

8. REDUCE STRESS

Examples include: Exercising, journaling or seeking professional counseling.

1 IN 4 OLDER ADULTS

experience depression, anxiety or substance abuse.



9. BE PRODUCTIVE

Make time for the interests you enjoy, both socially and individually.

10. EMBRACE AGING!

Aging is inevitable. Embrace the process and stay positive throughout it!