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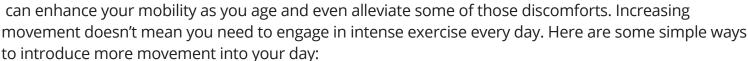


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Embracing active aging is a possibility at any stage of life! Even making small changes to your lifestyle can lead to a longer and healthier life. While genetics and other uncontrollable factors play a role, there are steps you can take to stay motivated and initiate a healthy, active lifestyle regardless of your age.

## **Adding More Movement**

Incorporating additional movement into your daily routine can have remarkable effects. Regular movement



- Park further away when running errands
- Try gardening or other outdoor activities
- Enjoy an outdoor walk
- · Set reminders to get moving
- Try stretching in the morning or before bed
- Take the stairs
- Pack a picnic and meet a friend at the park

## **Evaluating Your Diet**

Active aging also involves remaining mindful of the health choices you make daily. As we grow older, many of us realize that we can't eat like we used to. Nonetheless, it's never too late to adjust your eating habits to boost your well-being. Changing your diet can help you maintain a healthy weight, sustain your energy levels, and get the necessary nutrients. As you grow older, your metabolism tends to slow down, emphasizing the significance of choosing foods that offer the best nutritional value.

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## **Exercising Your Brain**

While physical movement is crucial, the cognitive aspect of active aging holds equal significance. Consistently challenging your brain can enhance cognition, memory, mood, and overall wellness. These brain-stimulating activities can be straightforward, such as:

- Strategy games
- Puzzles
- Relaxing activities (baking, listening to music, etc.)
- Card games with friends
- Trying something new
- Building your vocabulary
- · Drawing or painting

Contact our team today for a personal tour to learn more about how residents in our community embrace an active aging lifestyle.

