

# FAT LOSS GUIDE

A smart, structured approach to dropping fat without losing muscle or ruining your metabolism.

# THE FAT LOSS MINDSET & GOAL

#### What This Guide Covers:

Fat loss isn't about eating as little as possible or smashing endless cardio. It's about **strategy**, **consistency** and building a body that performs and looks better long term.

#### Your Goal:

- Drop body fat while preserving lean muscle
- Stay energised, focused and strong
- Build habits that prevent rebound weight gain

#### Why Most Diets Fail:

- Unsustainable restriction
- No strength training
- No exit strategy (what happens after the diet?)
- Poor protein intake

This isn't a crash diet. This is a **coachable method** that works.

# **CALORIES, MACROS & MEAL STRUCTURE**

### **Step 1: Estimate Your Maintenance Calories**

Use: Bodyweight (kg) × 30–32 Then reduce by 15–20% for fat loss E.g. 75kg person × 30 = 2250 kcal  $\rightarrow$  cut to ~1800–1900 kcal

#### **Macronutrient Targets:**

- Protein: 2.2–2.5g/kg preserve muscle mass
- Fat: 0.6–0.8g/kg hormone balance
- Carbs: Fill in the rest

### Example (75kg / 1900 kcal):

- Protein: 170g = 680 kcal
- Fat: 60g = 540 kcal
- Carbs: ~170g = 680 kcal

#### **Meal Structure:**

Meal 1: Protein + healthy fats (e.g. eggs + avocado)
Meal 2: Protein + complex carbs + veg (e.g. chicken + rice)
Pre-workout: Protein + fast carbs
Post-workout: Protein + carbs
Dinner: Protein + fats + fibrous veg

### **Hydration Tip:**

- 3–4L water daily
- Add electrolytes if doing fasted cardio or sweating a lot

# **TRAINING & ACTIVITY FOR FAT LOSS**

### **Strength Training Is Non-Negotiable**

Muscle = metabolic currency. Losing it will slow your metabolism. Aim: **3–5 full-body or split sessions/week** 

### Focus On:

- Progressive overload
- Compound lifts
- Good form and controlled tempo
- Logbook-based progression

# **Cardio Strategy:**

# □ Low-Intensity Steady-State (LISS)

- 30-45 mins walk, incline treadmill, cycling
- 2-4x/week High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT)
- 15–20 mins max
- 1–2x/week (optional if recovery is good)

# NEAT = Your Secret Weapon

(Non-Exercise Activity Thermogenesis) Increase daily movement outside of training:

- 10,000+ steps/day
- Walks after meals
- Standing desk, light chores, park further away

# **Rest & Recovery**

- 7–9 hours of quality sleep
- At least 1 full rest day per week
- Manage stress = manage cortisol = better fat loss

### **SUPPLEMENT STACK & TIMING**

You don't need fat burners to lose fat but smart, research backed supplements can support the process and help you retain muscle, energy and performance.

#### 1. Whey Protein

- **Dose**: 20–30g
- Timing: Post-workout or as needed to hit targets
- Why: Protein intake is key for muscle retention and satiety
- Tip: Blend with berries and almond milk for a low-calorie meal

### 2. Creatine Monohydrate

- **Dose:** 5g daily
- Timing: Anytime
- Why: Helps preserve strength and muscle during a deficit
- Myth: No, it doesn't cause fat gain or bloat when used correctly

### 3. L-Carnitine (Stimulant-Free)

- **Dose:** 500–2,000mg
- Timing: Before fasted cardio or workouts
- Why: May assist in fat metabolism when used consistently
- Bonus: No caffeine means it stacks well with other supplements

### 4. Multivitamin (Livingood Daily)

- Dose: 1 per day with food
- Why: Supports micronutrient status in a calorie deficit
- Why It's Our Pick: Quality formulation, no fillers, athlete-friendly

# **FAT LOSS TROUBLESHOOTING & FAQs**

### **Tracking Progress Properly:**

- □ Weekly bodyweight average (not just one day)
- □ Biweekly progress photos
- □ Waist measurements
- □ Strength maintenance in gym

### **Plateau Buster Checklist:**

- Are you actually hitting your macros?
- Has your NEAT dropped?
- Are you sleeping 7–9 hrs?
- Are you strength training hard and recovering?
- If yes to all above: reduce calories by 100–150 or add cardio

### **Refeed or Diet Break?**

- Refeed: 1 day/week at maintenance calories (mainly from carbs)
- Diet break: 1 week at maintenance every 6-8 weeks

### FAQs

### Q: Can I build muscle in a deficit?

Yes — if you're new to lifting or returning from a break (aka "newbie gains")

### **Q: How long should I diet for?**

Most people see great results in 8–12 weeks. Assess biofeedback and don't crash diet longer than necessary.

#### Q: What happens when I'm done cutting?

You reverse diet slowly — gradually add calories back while maintaining training. This sets you up for a productive lean bulk.

We're here to help every step of the way. Check out our product stack recommendations and join the transformation.

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