# Fats – Healthy FOOD SPIRAL™

## Why are fats important?

- Fats- carry fat soluble Vitamins: A, D, E, and K.
- HDL- Good Cholesterol; carries excess fats away.
- LDL- Bad Cholesterol; deposits fats and clogs arteries.
- Fatty Tissues protects the body's organs, i.e. Pancreas, and Stomach.
- Fat- provides flavor and calories.

## **Factors & Serving Sizes:**

- Go- 1 Factors- 2 t. or 2 T. = 2 t. Canola Oil, 2 t. Peanut Oil and 2 t. Olive Oil, 2 T. or 1 oz. Avocado, 2 T. Almonds, 2 T. Light Margarine or 2 T. Light Salad Dressing.
- Caution- 2 Factors- 1 t. or 1 T. = 1 T. Mayonnaise, 1 t. Soy Oil, 1 t. Safflower Oil, 1 t. Corn Oil, 1 t. stick, tub or squeeze margarines, 1 T. Pumpkin & Sunflower Seeds.
- **Stop- 3 Factors** 1 t. = 1 t. Beef fat, 1 t. Butter, 1 t. Lard, 1 t. Shortening, 1 Slice Bacon, 1 t. Coconut Oil, 1 T. Coconut, 1 T. Sour Cream and 1 T. Cream Cheese.

#### **Facts**

- All Fats have 9 calories per gram, 5 grams of fat and 45 calories per teaspoon.
- Monounsaturated Fats- lowers LDL levels (low density lipoproteins/Bad Cholesterol), olive, peanut, and canola oils.
- **Polyunsaturated Fats-** Lowers levels of LDL and HDL (high density lipoproteins/Good Cholesterol); soy, vegetable and corn oils.
- **Saturated Fats-** Raises LDL in the blood; lard, bacon, ham hocks, and meat grease.

#### What can I do?

- See Registered Dietitian- for help as needed.
- See Food Fitness First Registered Dietitian- on line for help.
- Goal Less than 30% of total calories per day from fat or about 50 grams per day.



