

Beat The Slump With These Afternoon Energy Boosters!

Feeling that 2 p.m. slump? I know it well. These are my tried-and-true tricks for beating the energy drain and powering through the rest of the day.

Each of them will offer a boost, but try them all to see which work best for you.

- 1. Of course, grab a great cup of **coffee** or **tea**!
- 2. Get outside for 15 minutes and walk, bike, swim, or just pull weeds. Nature is invigorating.
- 3. Have a reasonable size piece of **dark chocolate**. I love <u>these bars</u> with low carbs and no added sugar.
- 4. Take a break and look at something funny that will make you **laugh**, like a ½ hour sitcom or jokes online.
- 5. An apple or orange will give you a boost, as will most fruits: bananas, grapes, dates, etc.
- 6. Even if you don't need it, take a soothing warm shower and finish with a cold rinse.
- 7. Prepare a single serving of air-popped popcorn.
- 8. If you're too tired to go for a walk, do a short stretch, Tai Chi or Qi Gong video.
- 9. Drink a **tall glass of water** with lemon or lime squeezed into it.
- 10. **Be social**, especially if you're retired. Isolation can make you lethargic, so call someone to chat. If you're still working, take a 10 minute coffee break and talk with a coworker.

Incorporating regular exercise into your daily life will help you increase your energy overall! Browse my library of free fitness videos including cardio, strength, stretching, pain relief and more at www.fitnesswithcindy.com.