

# Dealing With Your Fasted Hours

*During intermittent fasting, you have two phases, including the fasted state and the feeding state, or fed state. When you are fasting, this is the period of time where you don't have anything to eat or anything with calories, including beverages with calories. Not eating and having no-calorie drinks is often the challenge for people, especially those fasting for 16-24 hours or longer. Here are some tips for dealing with the fasted hours.*

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## **Have water, coffee, and tea.**

It is essential that you stay hydrated during your fasted period, which does seem to be an issue with people starting this. Continue drinking plenty of water while you are fasting, as this keeps you hydrated and can help keep you full. You can also have coffee or tea, just don't put anything in it with calories. Some people will have a diet soda or add a sugar substitute with no calories to their coffee, but if you notice intermittent fasting isn't working for you, this might be where you are going wrong.

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## **Fast when you sleep.**

Naturally, a good amount of your fasting hours should exist while you are sleeping. You are already going to be in a fasted state during this time, so the rest of your fasted hours are before and after your bedtime hours. Sleeping through the fast is an excellent way to schedule it as well. You want to consider if you are hungrier in the morning or evening when deciding when the eating hours should be. Someone who is starving when waking has a harder time fasting in the morning. So, you can adjust your schedule to where your fast starts late in the afternoon, instead of in the evening.

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### **Stay busy during your fasting hours.**

While you will likely get used to fasting over time, it can be hard in the beginning. When you have some of your fasting hours before or after bedtime, this makes it a little more difficult not to want to snack. However, keep in mind it won't last forever, and soon you will be able to enjoy the foods you love. An excellent way to distract yourself from thinking about diets and counting down the hours is to stay busy. Find hobbies, focus on work, or go for a walk. Staying busy can help to keep your mind off the food or lack thereof.

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### **Exercise while fasting.**

Exercise ability is going to vary based on the person, but there are a lot of benefits to working out in your fasted state. First of all, you are already burning more fat, so adding in a fasted workout helps you to burn even more. You can also avoid the hunger pangs by working out and distract yourself with your fitness routine.