

Shake Off Holiday Stress!



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With the holidays hustle and bustle here, learn how to help manage the stress in positive ways that will keep you humming into the New Year and beyond.

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Who's Stressed?



- Everyday stressors
- Holiday activities and events
- How we think the holidays should be



Who reacts to stress?

• Everyone!



- Stress is: forces from the inside or outside world affecting the individual.
- Neither good nor bad, it just is.
- Stress management then becomes how we as an individual respond to the stressor.





Whoville Reaction!

• Hormonal response-

– adrenaline & cortisol

- Body goes back
- Events go on, positive, energetic





Grinch Reactions Prolonged

- Physical symptoms
 - sleep disturbances, muscle tension, muscle aches, headache, gastrointestinal disturbances, and fatigue.
- Emotional
 - nervousness, anxiety, changes in eating habits including overeating, loss of enthusiasm or energy, and mood changes, like irritability and depression
- Behavioral
 - overeating, over drinking excessive smoking







Who wants to change?



- Automatic thoughts, attitudes, assumptions, beliefs, blame others, should
- Physical Symptoms
- Feelings- anger, irritated, impatient
- Actions/Behaviors
- Consequences, impact on self, others, escalation, guilt

Who wants to change?

- Exercise
- Nutrition
- Sleep
- Breathe-deep
- Get support/connect socially
- Worry time
- Perspective





Who wants to change?

- Time manage- realistic goals- prioritize what REALLY important
 - Humor
- Muscle relaxation
- Sing! Music
- Tennis (Tense) Anyone?
- Scents
- Technology- right now baby animal or thank you text





You still have time!

- Good news- the Holidays will still come!
- -New habits- You can change
 - Tie in, or anchor to make habits "stick" BJ Fogg- Stanford U

You can still enjoy the holidays and not be a Grinch Start a new habit, practice, will make it a cinch.





More Information

- <u>http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/stress</u>
- http://www.clevelandclinic.org
- <u>www.lorettalaroche.com</u>
- <u>http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HandlingStress</u>
- www.animalplanet.com/toocute
- BJ Fogg, PhD. Tiny Habits
- <u>https://www.ted.com/talks/jane_mcgonigal_the_ga</u> <u>me_that_can_give_you_10_extra_years_of_life?lang</u> <u>uage=en#t-772278</u>

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