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 the White House garden.Tips for the holiday season
For many of us more than half of annual weight gain occurs between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Some studies say the average American

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First Lady Michelle Obama joins a group of elementary students to harvest fresh vegetables from

## Turn Your Habits to Healthy Eating

puts on up to 5 to 7 pounds in your meals and have the family these few weeks. And it's no gather branches, berries and wonder if you count up the leaves to build a beautiful fall cookies, cakes and cups full of centerpiece for your table.
eggnog we just can't say no to at holiday parties.

While we're chatting away and filling ourselves with holiday cheer, we're also filling up dishe
with calories ... one nibble at a Keep your hands, mind and time. Those empty calories add feet busy. People can often up fast. So before your belly get bored during the holidays starts shaking like a bowl full and turn to food. Plan on readof jelly, check out these tips: ing a novel, taking photos, playEat healthy first. At holiday ing a game, writing in a journal parties where tempting foods are or participating in a fun run. often served, eat something healthy beforehand so you're not likely to overindulge. Interact away from the buffet where it's easy to graze mindlessly. Serve yourself and move to a different part of the room.
Eat breakfast. Studies show that if you skip breakfast, you end up consuming more calories throughout the day than those who start off with a bowl of high-fiber cereal.
Watch your liquid calories and reach for tall, slender glasses. A Cornell University study showed adults who drank from tall, slender glasses drank about 19 percent less than those who drank from short, wide glasses.
Make your holidays more event-based and less foodbased. Go for a long walk before think!

