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Choosing the Right Fibers when you have Gas, Bloating, and/or Diarrhea—and always remember to chew your foods very well!

Eat more soluble fibers that may help bulk stools:

- **Bread**
- Rice
- **Quick Cook Oatmeal**
- **Tortillas**
- Barley Rye Legumes
 - very soft cooked
- Smooth nut butters
- Carrots
- **Beets**
- Green beans
- Squash
- Chopped spinach
- Avocado

very soft cooked

- **Bananas**
- Apples/applesauce
- **Pears**
- Peaches
- Ripe melon (no seeds)

peeled

- **Sweet Potatoes**
- **Potatoes**

Eat more prebiotic fibers that may help promote the growth of good bacteria:

(but they may also increase gas when first consumed)

- Jerusalem artichoke
- Dandelion greens
- Garlic, leeks, onions

Asparagus

very soft

cooked

Banana

Limit or only take these gassy foods if well tolerated:

- Broccoli/cauliflower/cabbage
- Carbonated beverages
- Lactose-containing milk
- Chewing gum
- Cucumbers, Radishes

- Raw onions/garlic
- Beans
- Alcohol
- Raisins, prunes
- Wheat bran cereals

Consider trying probiotic-rich foods:

- Yogurt
- Kefir
- **Good Belly**
- Yakult

- Activia
- Kombucha Tea
- Raw miso paste

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