

More natural health news

Break free from a Scrooge mood-stat!

Is your party schedule making you more meh than merry? Socializing depletes your brain's stores of calming chemicals. Banish the bah-humbugs by...

Sniffing citrus

BONUS! Your

Oranges, grapefruits, limes...
taking a 20-second break to
enjoy the sweet-tart scent
of citrus could help
you feel 45% calmer,
happier and more
energized—even if
you don't eat the fruit,
suggests research in the
journal Physiology & Behavior.
Explains study co-author Peter
Walla, Ph.D., citrus aromatic
oils boost brain chemicals.

Sipping green tea

Most green tea contains caffeine, so how did it become the go-to brew to cultivate calm? Japanese researchers say green tea brims with a compound that is a key building block of the mood-steadying brain chemical GABA. No wonder studies show sipping three mugs of green tea daily leads to a 53% drop in stress and anxiety in just two days! Don't love the taste of green tea?

You can get the same level of Zen by taking a 500-mg. GABA supplement daily. One to try: Now Foods GABA (Now-2-u.com). Note:

Check with your doctor before taking supplements.

Stretching out

Take five minutes three times daily to do relaxing stretches—like toe touches and shoulder shrugs—and you'll boost your mood by 27% within 48 hours. Boston University researchers say stretching stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system—a branch of nerves that signals your brain to make more calming chemicals.

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Nutmeg's active ingredient (myristicin) kick-starts the production of energizing and mood-boosting chemicals—often within 20 minutes!

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Cue up Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer—the most popular holiday show of all time!—and your blah mood could disappear before the special is over. University of Pennsylvania researchers say focusing on a classic kick-starts the production of the mood-boosting hormone oxytocin.—Brenda Kearus

If you fade fast after dinner...

...and you still have tasks to tackle, eating ½ cup of nuts will provide you with healthy fats and minerals that boost your energy and focus by 55% for two hours—long enough to get things done!

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3 ways to shrink a size today!

From face puffiness to a buiging belly and cankles, these tips will nix bloat in a flash

Soak in seaweed! Drop a sachet of seaweed powder into a barh and soak for 20 minutes. The algae's iodine absorbs into skin to regulate theroid function, signaling the body to release excess water. Try: Seaweed Bath Co. Whole Seaweed Detox Bath (Target stores).

Try this move! Yoga peo Jimmy Minardi says this kneesto-chest move encourages blood flow, which triggers the release of gas and bloat. To do: Lic on your back, hug your knees to your chest and rock from side to side for five deep breaths; release. Repeat five times. Add ginger! To de-puff from head to toe, add ¼ tsp. of ground ginger to one hot cup of tea, suggests Ann Louise Gittleman, author of Radical Metabolism. "The thermogenic spice revs circulation and promotes healthy sweating to flush excess fluids fast."