Many of us have very busy and sometimes stressful lives. Dr. Tara Edwards-Booker, Doctors Community Practices at Riverdale, shares a few tips to help us reduce or avoid stress while fulfilling our daily obligations.

Meditate
Inhale and exhale. Take a few minutes each day to clear your mind and reflect on the positives in your life. Meditation can help you gain control of your thoughts while creating a sense of calm and peace.

Plan Ahead
Create a to-do list. Planning ahead can help you avoid making spontaneous and regrettable decisions that may later become sources of stress.

Stick to a Budget
Avoid shopping temptations. Sometimes, special sales or discounts seem too good to ignore. However, remember that money is the number one source of stress for many Americans. So, it is best to develop a budget and stick to it.

Eat Healthy
Resist the urge to overindulge and choose healthy snacks. Over eating and poor eating habits may create feelings of guilt and lead to stress.

Exercise
Make time to workout. Exercising can help you clear your mind and release “feel good” hormones known as endorphins. It can also help you lose those extra pounds.

Talk with your healthcare provider if you have feelings of depression.
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