## Living Well Tip of the Week

The average person must consume 2.5 quarts of water through food and drink per day to maintain health (American Dietetic Association)

### 8 Glasses Per Day

Experts differ on the exact amount, but most agree that at least 8 glasses/day will get you covered.

### **More if You Exercise**

Remember that you lose water more rapidly with exercise through sweating and increased metabolism.

# **Drink Before You're Thirsty**

Thirst provides a poor index of body water needs. Drink at regular intervals to avoid dehydration symptoms.

How Much Water Should You Drink?

Find more information on "Hydration" through www.webmdhealth.com/ut select "Health Topics" and type "Hydration"

#### Where to Get More Water

- •Take a water break instead of a coffee break.
  - Keep a cup handy at your desk and in your car.
    - •Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Keep the fridge stocked with cool water instead of colas or alcohol.

## **Dehydration Facts**

- •Mild dehydration can slow your metabolism by 3%.
  - •A glass of water at night halts most hunger pangs.
    - Lack of hydration is the primary driving force behind daytime fatigue.