## **BeRested Challenge**

## **March 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						☐ 1 Use this <u>sleep calculator</u> to help determine your ideal bedtime.
2 Wash your sheets and pillowcases for a fresh sleeping environment.	☐ 3 Learn the <u>4-7-8</u> <u>breathing exercise</u> . Try a <u>guided version</u> to help calm your mind before sleep.	☐ 4 Avoid caffeinated beverages (coffee, sodas, certain teas) at least 8 hours before bed.	5 Try journaling about three things you're grateful for right before bed.	☐ 6 Check out this <u>Sleep</u> <u>Fitness Toolkit</u> .	7 Limit electronic use and bright lights an hour before bed.	☐ 8 Learn about guided <u>Progressive Muscle</u> <u>Relaxation</u> and do a <u>guided exercise</u> before bed.
☐ 9 Create a dark sleeping environment with blinds and/or curtains or invest in a comfortable sleep mask.	☐ 10 Avoid non-sleeping activities in bed (i.e. watching TV, eating, using devices, working, etc.)	☐ 11 Set your thermostat to a sleep friendly room temperature (ideally between 60-67 degrees F).	☐ 12 <u>Register</u> and attend today's BeWell Lunch & Learn on "Sleep Basics."	☐ 13 Try a relaxing pre-sleep activity, such as reading or journaling.	☐ 14 Have a melatonin-rich meal with foods like tart cherries, almonds, and turkey.	☐ 15 Engage in physical activity for at least 30 minutes. Finish your workout no later than 2- 3 hours before bed.
☐ 16 Place a few houseplants in your room to improve air quality.	Avoid eating a large meal within 2 hours before bed. Still hungry Try a light snack like fruit, nuts, or yogurt.	☐ 18 Listen to relaxing sounds such as rain falling, ocean waves, white noise or simply a fan to promote better sleep.	☐ 19 Set a bedtime reminder on your phone to establish a consistent sleep schedule.	Create a to-do list for the next day to clear your mind prior to bed.	Spend 10 minutes stretching or doing gentle yoga prior to getting into bed/in the evening.	☐ 22 Focus on the air quality in your bedroom by using a humidifier or utilizing an air purifier if you have allergies
23 Avoid a daytime nap, but, if necessary, limit to 30 minutes.	☐ 24 Use a fan or sound machine to minimize external noise and distractions.	☐ 25 Take a warm bath or shower 1-2 hours before bedtime.	☐ 26 Place your phone on "Do Not Disturb" before bed.	☐ 27 Journal about the most recent dream you had.	□ 28 DIY a personalized playlist of your favorite relaxing songs to listen to before bed.	Declutter your bedroom for a more peaceful sleep space.
☐ 30 Spend 15 min. outside in natural light to support your circadian rhythm.	all Read a book or listen to calming music before bed instead of watching TV.					