Technology Tips for Living Well with Dementia



For Individuals Living with Dementia, their Families, Friends, and Care Partners

Dementia-Friendly Technologies

Safety



Technology can help keep you safe.

Wearable Bracelet:

- Use a customizable physical bracelet or necklace with personal info that provides vital information to first responders.
- Examples: My ID or Road ID

Location Sharing Tech:

- Use a smart phone app to share your location with your family members or friends.
- Or attach trackers to your most needed items to track them.
- Examples: Life360,
 Find my Friends, Tile

Motion-Sensors Mobility Aid:

 Use motion-sensor lights for getting around your home. These are available for floors, bathrooms, sinks, and even toilets!

Exercise



Exercise is an important part of quality of life!

Smart Watch:

- Use a bracelet that connects to a smart phone to count steps, calories, etc.
- Use it to set healthy exercise goals.
- Examples: Fitbit, iWatch, Garmin

Pedometers:

 Use low-cost stepcounters to track your activity.

YouTube:

- Search YouTube for a variety of free exercise programs.
- Example: Yoga, Pilates, Chair Exercises, Indoor Walking, Dancing

Fitness Subscriptions:

- Access thousands of classes on a fitness app.
- Examples: Peloton, Mirror, FightCamp

Food



Food and nutrition is an essential part of daily life.

Food Tracker:

- Use a food tracker app to eat healthy.
- Examples: Lose It!, MyFitnessPal

Grocery/Food Delivery App:

- Purchase your groceries online with delivery.
- Or purchase meals from your favorite restaurants.
- Examples: Walmart, Instacart, Uber Eats, or Door Dash, etc.

Stay Hydrated:

- Phone app for alerts to stay hydrated.
- Example: Water Reminder

Timer:

 Use phone, physical timer or an Alexa to stay alert when using ovens and/or stovetops.

Nature



Nature can help with brain health, lower stress, and overall wellbeing.

Gardening App Aids:

- Use an app to provide house-plant care reminders or gardening plans.
- Example: Planta, AlGardenPlanner

Bring the Outdoors In:

- Enjoy nature videos and apps.
- Connect a bird feeder with a smart device.
- Example:
 BirdBuddy,
 ZinniaTV, Memory
 Lane TV

Outdoor Photography:

- Bring a camera outside to take photos of the foliage, plants or wildlife.
- Create a photo album in your phone to reference later!