Coconut water is the fluid that’s found in the cavity of the coconut when you crack it open. It contains no fat and is very low in calories. Coconut water is the ultimate thirst quencher and offers a tasty alternative to normal water. Coconut water is actually obtained by opening a tender, green, and healthy coconut. Inside, it’s clear liquid is sweet, and sterile and composed of unique chemicals such as sugars, vitamins, minerals, electrolytes, enzymes, amino acids, cytokine, and phyto-hormones. This pure liquid is packed with nutrients that yield an array of health benefits. Coconut water is the greatest natural energy drink that serves many benefits. Drinking coconut water has many health benefits for skin, face and hair. Here is a list of the health benefits of coconut water.

Low in calories, naturally fat- and cholesterol free, more potassium than four bananas, and super hydrating - these are just a few of the many benefits of coconut water. Coconut Water is naturally:

- Low in Carbs
- 99% Fat Free
- Low in sugars
Here are little-known coconut water nutrition facts and how they can benefit your health. **Coconut water** contains organic compounds possessing healthy growth promoting properties that have been known to help

1. Keep the body cool and at the proper temperature.
2. Orally re-hydrate your body, it is an all natural isotonic beverage.
3. Carry nutrients and oxygen to cells.
4. Naturally replenish your body's fluids after exercising.
5. Raise your metabolism.
6. Promote weight loss.
7. Boost your immune system.
8. Detoxify and fight viruses.
9. Cleanse your digestive tract.
11. Aid your body in fighting viruses that cause the flu, herpes, and AIDS.
13. Treat kidney and urethral stones.

**Coconut Water Benefits**

Coconut water is incredibly healthy and one of the best drinks to hydrate the body. Besides helping to remove toxins from the body and aiding digestion, coconuts have amazing anti-viral, anti-fungal and anti-microbial properties that help to cure the disease.

The English name coconut, first mentioned in English print in 1555, comes from Spanish and Portuguese word coco, which means "monkey face." Spanish and Portuguese explorers found a resemblance to a
monkey's face in the three round indented markings or "eyes" found at the base of the coconut. On the Nicobar Islands of the Indian Ocean, whole coconuts were used as currency for the purchase of goods until the early part of the twentieth century.

Coconuts are the fruit of the coconut palm, botanically known as cocos nucifera, with nucifera meaning "nut-bearing." The fruit-bearing palms are native to Malaysia, Polynesia and southern Asia, and are now also prolific in South America, India, the Pacific Islands, Hawaii and Florida. The light, fibrous husk allowed it to easily drift on the oceans to other areas to propagate. In Sanskrit, the coconut palm is known as "kalpa vriksha, meaning "tree which gives all that is necessary for living," since nearly all parts of the tree can be used in some manner or another. The coconut itself has many food uses, including milk, meat, sugar and oil as well as functioning as its own dish and cup. The husk was also burned for fuel by natives, but today a seed fibre called coir is taken from the husk and used to make brushes, mats, fishnets, and rope. A very potent fermented toddy or drink is also made from the coconut palm's sap. Coconut oil, a saturated fat made from dried coconut meat, is used for commercial frying and in candies and margarines, as well as in non-edible products such as soaps and cosmetics.

Although it takes up to a year for coconuts to mature, the trees bloom up to thirteen times a year, so fruit is constantly forming yielding a continuous harvest year-round. An average harvest from one tree runs about 60 coconuts, with some trees yielding three times that amount. The coconut's name is a bit of a misnomer, since it is botanically classified as a drupe and not a nut. It is the largest seed known.

If you’ve ever opened a fresh coconut, you will have seen the thin, opaque almost clear coconut juice or water which has a slight almond flavor. Contrary to popular belief, this is not the coconut milk. However, the water is consumed as a drink fresh from the coconut by many, and it can also be used in recipes.

**Health Benefits of Coconut Water**

"It's a natural isotonic beverage, with the same level of electrolytic balance as we have in our blood. It's the fluid of life, so to speak." In fact, during the Pacific War of 1941-45, both sides in the conflict regularly used coconut water siphoned directly from the nut to give emergency plasma transfusions to wounded soldiers.

Most coconut water is still consumed fresh in tropical coastal areas - once exposed to air, the liquid rapidly loses most of its organoleptic and nutritional characteristics, and begins to ferment.
- Coconut Water is more nutritious than whole milk - Less fat and no cholesterol.
- Coconut Water is more healthy than orange juice - Much lower calories.
- Coconut Water is better than processed baby milk - It contains lauric acid, which is present in human mother’s milk.
- Coconut water is naturally sterile. Water permeates though the filtering husk.
- Coconut water is a universal donor. It is identical to human blood plasma.
- Coconut Water is a Natural Isotonic Beverage - The same level that we have in our blood.
- Coconut water has saved lives in 3rd world countries through Coconut IV.
- It contains no fat and is very low in calories. Unlike plain water, coconut water is not entirely calorie-free, but at 42 calories per serving (240 gm) it’s still a pretty low-calorie drink.
- It contains easily digested carbohydrate in the form of sugar and electrolytes.

"Coconut water is the very stuff of nature, biologically pure, full of natural sugars, salts, and vitamins to ward off fatigue and is the next wave of energy drinks but natural", according to Mortin Satin, Chief of the United Nation’s Food & Agriculture Organization.

- Coconut water contains more potassium (at about 294 mg) than most sports drinks (117 mg) and most energy drinks.
- Curious about how many calories are in Coconut Water? 100 ml of coconut water contains 19 calories. There are 3 calories in 1 tablespoon (0.5 fl.oz) of Coconut Water. You’d need to walk 1 minutes to burn 3 calories.
- Coconut water has less sodium (25 mg) where sports drinks have around 41 mg and energy drinks have about 200 mg.
- Coconut water has 5 mg of Natural Sugars where sports and energy drinks range from 10-25 mg of Altered Sugars.
- Coconut water is very high in Chloride at 118 mg, compared to sports drinks at about 39 mg.

**Nutrition Data is based on a 100 ml drink.**