KITCHEN GUIDE

Different oils have different uses, and each performs best within a certain range of temperatures. Some are made for high heat cooking, while others have intense flavors that are best enjoyed by drizzling directly on to food. The guide below shows the smoke point for each type of oil.

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	USES	OIL TYPE SI	MOKE POINT
MEDIUN	ALL PURPOSE COOKING	HIGH HEAT OILS	
UP TO 500°F	Oils with a high 'smoke point' are ideal for sautéing, frying and other high heat applications.	Avocado Almond Apricot Kernel Canola (Super High Heat) Safflower (Super High Heat) Sunflower (Super High Heat) Palm Fruit Safflower, High Oleic Sesame	510°F 495°F 495°F 460°F 460°F 460°F 450°F 445°F 445°F
	BAKING & SAUTÉING	MEDIUM HIGH HEAT OILS	
UP TO 425°F	Oils with a medium-high 'smoke point' are best for sautéing at medium-high heat or, because of their neutral flavor, for baking.	Canola Grapeseed Walnut Safflower, High Oleic* Coconut Soy Peanut*	425°F 425°F 400°F 390°F 365°F 360°F 355°F
MEDIUM.	LIGHT SAUTÉING & SAUCES	MEDIUM HEAT OILS	
UP TO 350°F	Medium heat oils normally have fuller flavors, making them ideal for sauces and salad dressings, or for sautéing at medium heat where the oil's flavor is intended as an integral part of the finished dish.	Sesame* Toasted Sesame* Olive* Corn* Coconut*	350°F 350°F 325°F 320°F 280°F
MEDIU	SOUPS & SALADS	NO HEAT OILS	
NO HEAT	Oils with low 'smoke points' have such rich, robust flavor and fragile structure that they're best poured directly onto a finished dish, or blended into a dressing, simple sauce or taken directly.	Borage* Flax* Wheat Germ* Evening Primrose*	225°F 225°F 225°F 225°F