Self-Care Idea List

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- 1. Define and follow a balanced sleeping schedule
- 2. Drink more water
- 3. Do something that engages your mind
- 4. Do something that relaxes your body
- 5. Do something that nourishes your spirit
- Say no to something/someone: (you're no good to anyone if you are exhausted, resentful, and over-stretched)
- 7. Say yes to something/someone
- 8. Do something that allows you to express your creativity
- 9. Eat nutritiously and the right amount to nourish your body
- 10. Learn about something that your have been interested in
- 11. Practice compassion and understanding for your feelings and actions
- 12. Don't set unobtainable goals or unrealistic expectations for yourself
- 13. Slow down
- 14. Allow for a treat (whatever form that might take)
- 15. Do something that makes you laugh
- 16. Breathe deeper
- 17. Take a quiet moment (or several) by yourself
- 18. Reach out to a friend
- 19. Engage in some exercise or movement that feels nourishing and revitalizing
- 20. Trust your intuition
- 21. Listen to what your body needs
- 22. Feel your feelings and express them in healthy ways
- 23. Reduce guilt be clear on what you can and cannot control, and move on
- 24.Get organized
- 25. Stop criticizing your body
- 26. Allow yourself to disappoint someone
- 27. Write in a journal
- 28.Be mindful in any activity
- 29. Keep hopeful
- 30.Add your own:_____
- 31. Add your own:_____

^{*}Notice if you start to feel guilty or anxious about taking care of yourself. Challenge that feeling!