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With the buzz around the latest superfoods, it can be difficult to know the difference between something that's truly great for your body, and the latest food fad. However, we've looked at the facts, and we think that seaweed really is an all-natural superfood you must try! There are so many benefits of seaweed that we think it should be on everyone's grocery list! Read on to find out more about the benefits of seaweed.

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Benefits of Seaweed for Skin



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It's thought that both eating seaweed and using beauty products that contain

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the ingredient are great for your skin. Not only can seaweed help to reduce redness and inflammation, it's also claimed that this plant has great antiaging benefits, because it's full of antioxidants in the form of vitamin C. What's more, by applying seaweed to the skin, you can aid in cell regeneration and help reduce discoloration, so get your fix of seaweed for skin that glows! (1)

Benefits of Seaweed for Hair



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Seaweed is also great if you want long, strong hair that will last and last! The plant contains omega-3, iron and zinc, all which promote hair growth and help hair to stay strong. Additionally, seaweed contains lots of vitamin A, B, C and E, which help the hair to produce the natural oils that are essential for a healthy scalp. Enjoy a daily dose of seaweed for hair that shines! (2)

Benefits of Seaweed for Health

Perhaps the best thing about seaweed is that its benefits go more than skin deep! There are so many ways that seaweed is great for your health. Here are four of the top health benefits of eating seaweed. (3)



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- 1. **It's great for your heart:** Studies have shown that eating seaweed can reduce blood pressure and therefore decrease risk of stroke.
- 2. **It improves digestion:** Seaweed is very high in fibre, which helps to maintain digestive health and keep everything running smoothly! It is also rich in alginate, which slows digestion and helps food to release its energy more slowly. This means that you feel fuller for longer.
- 3. **It's high in vitamins:** Seaweed contains lots of vitamins and minerals, and as an added bonus is very low in calories.
- 4. It aids in detox: Eating seaweed can help to eliminate toxins from the body such as cadmium and lead.

With all these great benefits, choose seaweed for health, happiness and a beautiful body!

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