

a series of simple recipes using canned foods

# **Canned tomatoes**



### Spinach Lasagna

Servings: 8

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 3/4 cup (16 ounces) cottage cheese
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
- 6 no-boil lasagna noodles, divided
- 1 can (13.5-ounces) unsalted spinach, well drained

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Heat oven to 375°F. Mix 1 cup mozzarella cheese, cottage cheese, and drained spinach in medium size bowl and set aside. Spray 6-8 inch baking dish. Arrange 2 lasagna noodles on bottom of pan (note: you may have to break the noodles in half and overlap to fit into the pan).
- 2. Spread half the cheese mixture over noodles; spread half of drained tomatoes over top of cheese. Repeat layers.
- 3. Top with last 2 lasagna noodles cover with foil and bake 45 minutes.
- 4. Remove from oven, take off foil and sprinkle with remaining mozzarella cheese and bake for an additional 10 minutes.
- 5. Finally, remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes before serving.
- 6. Refrigerate leftovers immediately.

Adapted from the Canned Food Alliance, www.mealtime.org

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# **Additional cooking tips**

- 4 ounces of shredded cheese is approximately 1 cup.
- Cook ground meat, where bacteria can spread during grinding, to at least 160°F. Remember, color is not a reliable indicator of doneness, use a food thermometer.

# **Tomato and Beef Stew**

Servings: 4

#### **Ingredients:**

- ½ pound ground beef, ground turkey, or venison
- 1/8 teaspoon salt (optional)
- ½ teaspoon pepper (optional)
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can sliced carrots, drained or 6 medium carrots, sliced
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced potatoes, drained or 2 medium potatoes, diced
- ½ teaspoon sugar

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Brown meat in skillet over medium heat. Drain fat, if any. Season lightly with salt and pepper (optional).
- 2. Combine cooked meat, tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, and sugar in a pot. Cook over medium heat for 15 minutes or until contents are hot and desired consistency (will thicken slightly when cooled).
- 3. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.
- 4. Serve. Refrigerate leftovers.

Adapted from USDA, http://recipefinder. nal.usda.gov/recipes/



# **Substitutions:**

If substituting fresh herbs for dried herbs use <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> of what the recipe asks because dry
herbs are more potent. Conversely if a recipe calls for dried and you would like to
use fresh triple the amount called for in the recipe.

# **Sugar substitution:**

1 cup sugar =  $1 \frac{1}{3}$  cups brown sugar or  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  cups powdered sugar

# **Vegetable Soup**

Servings: 4

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 (14.5-ounce) can vegetable broth
- 1 cup water
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can mixed vegetables, drained
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- Oregano to taste
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Mix the tomatoes, vegetable broth, water, and seasoning in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil.
- 2. Reduce heat, add vegetables and simmer until heated through. Serve immediately and refrigerate leftovers.

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## **Mexican Sloppy Joes**

Servings: 4

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can tomato soup, condensed
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can salsa of choice
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 hamburger buns \*Can also serve on top of rolls, corn muffins or rice.

# **MEASUREMENT EQUIVALENTS:**

3 teaspoons = 1 tablespoon

4 tablespoons  $= \frac{1}{4}$  cup

 $5^{1/8}$  tablespoons = 1/3 cup

16 tablespoons = 1/3 cup

2 cups = 1 pint

4 cups (2 pints) = 1 quart

4 quarts (liquid) = 1 gallon

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Brown meat in skillet on stove over medium-high heat. Drain fat, if any. Add soup and salsa.
- 2. Cook until sauce is reduced to desired thickness (approximately 10 minutes).
- 3. Top with cheese and spoon onto hamburger bun.
- 4. Refrigerate leftovers immediately.

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# **Spanish Rice**

Servings: 4

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1 cup water
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can tomatoes, chopped
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 small onion, diced

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Cook onion, pepper and rice in oil over medium heat until soft, about 5 minutes.
- 2. Add tomatoes, tomato liquid, and water to rice mixture.
- 3. Bring to a boil and stir. Cover and cook on low heat. Cook until rice is tender (about 15-20 minutes).
- 4. Refrigerate leftovers.

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## **COOKING TERMS**

**BOIL:** to heat a liquid until bubbles break continually on the surface

**CHOP:** to cut solids into pieces with a sharp knife or other chopping device. Finely Chop is just chopping solids into small pieces

**DICE:** to cut food into small cubes of uniform size and shape

**DIVIDED:** to use a particular ingredient more than once in the same recipe

**SIMMER:** to cook slowly in liquid over low heat at a temperature of about 180 degrees; the surface of the liquid should be barely moving, broken from time to time by slowly rising bubbles

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