# **Salads and Outings**

- ♦ Always use an insulated cooler with a cold source (block ice, frozen gel pack, frozen water or juice in plastic or paper containers). Add a new cold source as needed.
- ♦ Use a separate cooler for food and beverages.
- ♦ Place the cooler in the passenger area of the car.
- ♦ If outside, store the cooler in the shade, cover with a blanket and keep closed as much as possible.
- ♦ In hot weather (85° and above,) food should never be set out for more than one hour.
- ♦ Salads made with store-bought mayonnaise are safe when kept cold.

# Try this easy, low cost recipe for salad dressing:

#### **Sweet Red Russian Dressing**

Makes 1 cup (serving size 2 Tablespoons)
Per serving: 50 calories

1 cup catsup

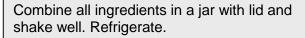
1/4 cup vinegar

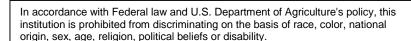
1/2 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon garlic powder

2 Tablespoons brown sugar

1 teaspoon vegetable oil (optional)





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# Cool Your Summer with SALADS



Serving one or more chilled dishes at each meal will please the diners and help keep the house cool. Salads add color, new flavor combinations, a variety of textures, and sparkle to what could be a "ho-hum" meal.



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# **Salads Save Money**

- ♦ Helps to stretch the food dollar by:
  - using fruits and vegetables in season
  - using leftovers from the meat group
  - incorporating pasta or rice.

# Salads Can Be Part of a Healthy Diet

Use the ChooseMyPlate.gov to build a healthy diet.



- ♦ Ingredients for salads can include foods from all of the food groups.
- ♦ Salads can provide high quality protein, fiber, minerals and vitamins needed for good health depending upon ingredients chosen.
- ♦ If the amount of dressing or topping is controlled, salad can be a low fat food.

# Salads are Versatile

Prepare salads, which can be made easily at the last minute, by doing some preparation in advance. Rinse fresh foods, cut or break into bite-sized pieces, and chill.



- ♦ Prepare ahead those salads that need time to blend flavors or set. This includes macaroni, main dish, marinated vegetable, and gelatin salads.
- ◆ Take advantage of leftovers of meat, rice or cooked vegetables from the previous day. Combine with new garden produce or cheese to make a new dish.
- ♦ Salads can be easy to serve. Last minute details of putting together, garnishing or unmolding a salad can be accomplished quickly -- especially if those pre-preparation duties were accomplished.
- ♦ Salads can be any part of the meal -- a light appetizer, a side dish, main dish, dessert or snack.
- ♦ Add spices, herbs, grated carrots, shredded cheese or homemade croutons to add flavor.



♦ In a hurry? Use your favorite canned fruits, vegetables, fish or chicken as a substitute in recipes. Serve over greens. Add toast and milk to the menu for a quick meal.

#### Menu Idea

Turkey Sandwich Sunshine Slaw Fruit Salad Lowfat Milk

#### Sunshine Slaw

(8 servings, about ½ cup each) Per serving: 57 calories, 3 grams of fat

- 1 pound or small head cabbage, shredded (about 4 cups)
- 3 medium carrots, shredded
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise-type salad dressina
- 2 Tablespoons vinegar or leftover pickle juice
- 1 teaspoon onion, grated
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt

Mix cabbage and carrots together. Cover and chill. Mix rest of ingredients together. Pour over cabbage and carrots and mix. Chill well in refrigerator.

#### Menu Idea

Hamburgers on Buns Best-of-the-Season Fruit Salad Green Beans Lowfat Milk

## Best-of-the-Season Fruit Salad

(6 servings, about ½ cup each) Per serving: 92 calories, very little fat

- 1 can (16 oz.) fruit cocktail canned in light syrup or fruit juice
- 1 banana
- 2 medium fruits or 1½ cups small fruits; pick your favorite fruit in season

Drain fruit cocktail. Slice banana and stir into fruit cocktail. Wash fresh fruit. Peel if necessary. Cut into bite-size pieces. Stir the fresh fruit into the fruit cocktail.

# **In-Season Fruits**



#### **Spring** Strawberries **Oranges** Grapefruit Bananas Apples

#### Summer Cherries Peaches **Nectarines** Plums Melons Strawberries

# Apples Pears Grapes Melons

#### Winter Fall Oranges Grapefruit Apples Bananas **Bananas** Grapes **Tangerines**

#### Menu Idea

Chicken-Fruit Salad Whole Wheat Bread Raw Vegetables with Yogurt Dip Milk

#### Chicken-Fruit Salad

(4 servings, about ½ cup each) Per serving: 255 calories, 8 grams of fat

- 3 cups chicken or turkey. cooked, cut in chunky pieces
- 3/4 cup celery, chopped
- 34 cup grapes, red, halved, seeded
- 20-oz. can pineapple chunks in natural juice, drained
- 11-oz. can Mandarin oranges, drained
- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped (optional)
- 1/4 cup cooked salad dressing or mayonnaise-type salad dressing

1/8 teaspoon salt Lettuce leaves, as desired

Toss chicken, celery, grapes, pineapple, oranges and 3 Tablespoons of the pecans together lightly. Gently mix salad dressing and salt with chicken mixture. Chill. Serve on lettuce leaves. Garnish with remaining pecans.



#### Menu Idea

Taco Salad **Bread Sticks** Pear Half Lowfat Milk

#### **Taco Salad**

(4-6 servings)

1 pound ground beef

- 1 Tablespoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup water
- 1 medium head lettuce, torn in bite-size pieces (4 cups)
- 1 large tomato, cut in wedges
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced and separated in rings
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper 4 oz. sharp natural Cheddar
- cheese shredded (1 cup) 1 6-oz. package tortilla or corn chips

Brown beef in skillet. Sprinkle seasonings over meat; stir in water. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. In salad bowl, combine lettuce, tomato, onion, green pepper and cheese; toss well. Place lettuce mixture on individual salad plates. Spoon on meat; top with corn chips.

Serve with Sweet Russian Dressing (recipe on back page,) French dressing or taco sauce.



#### Menu Idea

Ham Sandwich Potato Salad Fruit Cup Lowfat Milk

#### **Potato Salad**

Makes 6 servings (240 calories and 17 grams fat per serving)

4 medium-size potatoes ½ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

½ teaspoon prepared mustard

- 1 to 2 Tablespoons finely chopped scallions or onions
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 Tablespoons chopped green pepper
- ½ cup finely cut celery
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped

# Fruit Cup

6 servings, about 2/3 cup each Calories per serving: About 95.

- 3 Tablespoons frozen lemonade concentrate
- 1 medium apple, cored, diced
- 1 medium orange, peeled, sectioned & diced

sliced

- 1 medium peach, pitted, diced 1 medium banana, peeled,
- ½ cup seedless grapes, halved ½ cup blueberries

Place lemonade concentrate in a large bowl and mix lightly with fruits as they are prepared. Chill.

Note: Skins of apple and peach may be removed, if desired.

Cook potatoes whole in the skins. Drain, peel and dice. Combine mayonnaise or thick salad dressing and blend in prepared mustard. Pour dressing over cooled potatoes. Add scallions or onion and salt and mix carefully. Mix in the rest of the ingredients. Chill for 3 or 4 hours before serving

#### Menu Idea

Grilled Cheese Sandwich Broccoli Bacon-Raisin Salad Carrot Sticks Lowfat Milk

#### **Dressing:**

3/4 cup mayonnaise ½ cup sugar

2 Tablespoons vinegar

Combine dressing ingredients. Pour over salad. Stir and chill.

## **Broccoli Bacon-Raisin Salad**

Makes 9 servings, about 2/3 cup each (280 calories and 16 grams fat per servina)

1 bunch fresh broccoli, broken ½ cup chopped celery 1/3 lb. bacon, fried crisp, drained and crumbled 1/2 cup hulled sunflower seeds ½ cup raisins

Combine salad ingredients in a large bowl and set aside.

#### Menu Idea

Oriental Chicken Salad Garlic Cheese French Bread Peach Half Lowfat Milk

#### **Oriental Chicken Salad**

Makes 4 servings (596 calories and 37 grams fat per servina)

- 2 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded (grilled is best)
- 1 head lettuce
- 1 small pack slivered almonds (113 grams)
- 3 Tablespoons sesame seeds
- 2 bunches finely chopped green onion
- 1 pkg. Chinese noodles, crumbled in small pieces

Lightly toast sesame seeds and nuts.

#### **Dressing:**

1/4 cup vinegar ¼ cup sugar 1/4 cup oil 1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

Combine ingredients just



#### Menu Idea

Barbecued Chicken Marinated Vegetables **Applesauce** Roll Lowfat Milk

## **Marinated Vegetables**

Makes 7 cups Calories per ½ cup: About 75.

1/3 cup salad oil

1/3 cup cider vinegar

- 2 Tablespoons green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 Tablespoon parsley, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 3 cups (1 small head) cauliflower, broken into florets, cooked tender-crisp
- 15-oz. can garbanzo beans, heated, drained
- 2 cups cucumber, unpared, sliced
- 1 cup carrots, cut in thin strips

Place oil, vinegar, green pepper, parsley, salt and spices in a large bowl. Mix well. Add vegetables. Mix gently. Cover.

Marinate for several hours or overnight in the refrigerator. Mix occasionally.

For optimum eating quality, use within a few days.