# Storage Tips

Oranges: Store in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

<u>Bananas</u> - Store in a cool area. Do not refrigerate. Wrap the stems of the bananas with plastic wrap.

<u>Broccoli</u> - To store, mist the unwashed heads, wrap loosely in damp paper towels, and refrigerate. You can also store unwashed broccoli in a plastic bag in the refrigerator.

<u>Zucchini:</u> Store in the crisper drawer of your refrigerator. Wash just before use.

<u>Cucumbers</u> - wrap cucumbers individually in a paper towels & then place in a plastic bag & store in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

<u>Potatoes</u> - Store in a well-ventilated area so they stay fresh longer. Do not refrigerate. Place them in a metal basket or rack, a wooden crate or a cardboard box with holes. Keep out of sunlight & in a cool, dark & slightly humid place, like a basement, unheated closet or cupboard.

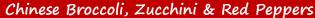
Red Peppers - Store in plastic bag in the crisper drawer of refrigerator. To freeze: slice or chop peppers, spread in a single layer on cookie tray and freeze, then promptly place in airtight containers or heavy-duty freezer bags and return to freezer.



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\*1/4 tsp. salt \*1cup veggie broth \*5 cups broccoli florets \*1 zucchini \*1 Tbsp. ginger root, minced \*2 tsp. minced garlic \*1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes or to taste \*1/4 cup water \*1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce \*3/4 Tbsp. corn starch \*1 bell pepper, thinly sliced Add 1/2 cup broth to pan. Add broccoli, peppers & zucchini; cover and cook, tossing occasionally & sprinkling with a Tbsp. water if needed, until broccoli is almost crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Uncover pan & add ginger, garlic & red pepper flakes; stir-fry until fragrant, about 1 minute. In a cup, stir together water, soy sauce, remaining 1/2 cup broth & 3/4 Tbsp. cornstarch until blended; stir into pan. Reduce heat to medium-low & bring to a simmer; simmer until slightly thickened, about 1 minute. Serve over rice or alone.

#### Tex-Mex Potatoes & Zucchini

\*2-3 zucchini \*1 ¼ tsp. salt \*1/4 cup olive oil \*1 large potato, peeled & cut into ¼" pieces \*pepper \*1/4 red pepper, finely diced \*2 cloves garlic, minced \*1/2 tsp. chili powder \*3 Tbsp. fresh cilantro (optional) Wash the zucchini well & dry them with paper towels. Trim off the ends & quarter the zucchini lengthwise. Slice off the top 1/4 inch of the soft seed core by running a sharp knife down the length of each quarter; it's all right if some of the seeds remain. Arrange the zucchini, cut side up, on a baking sheet lined with paper towels. Sprinkle with 1/2 tsp. salt & set aside for 10 minutes. Blot the quarters dry with the paper towels. Cut the zucchini into 3/4-inch dice. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat for 1 minute. Pour in 2 Tbs. of the oil, add the zucchini & sauté, stirring occasionally, until the zucchini browns & softens, about 4 minutes. Transfer to a large plate. Carefully dry the hot skillet with a paper towel. Add the remaining 2 Tbs. olive oil & the potato; season with 3/4 tsp. salt & pepper. Sauté, stirring occasionally, until the potatoes brown & cook through, about 7 minutes. Add the red pepper, garlic & chili powder & sauté for 1 minute. Stir in the zucchini & cilantro & taste for salt & pepper.

### Penne with Broccoli & Red Peppers

balsamic vinegar \*1/2 tsp. salt \*pepper \*1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper \*4 cup broccoli florets \*1 lb. penne pasta \*1/3 cup parmesan cheese, grated \*1 ½ Tbsp. dried basil Heat 2 Tbsp. of the olive oil over medium heat in a large skillet. Add the onions & sauté them for about 5 minutes until they soften; stirring occasionally. Lower the heat & add the garlic & red pepper. Continue to cook the vegetables, stirring often for 15 minutes. In a food processor or blender, chop the almonds fine. Add the pepper-onion mixture, the vinegar & the remaining olive oil; blend all to a puree. Add the salt, black pepper & cayenne. Blend briefly to incorporate them. Arrange a vegetable steamer over water in a saucepan. Bring the water to a boil & add the broccoli. Cover the pan & cook

\*4 Tbsp. olive oil \*1 ½ cups onion, chopped \*2 cloves garlic,

minced \*2 red peppers, chopped \*1/4 cup almonds \*2 tsp.

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the broccoli over medium heat for 5 minutes or a bit longer, until it is tender as you like. Keep it warm. Cook the pasta in a large pot of salted boiling water until it is just tender. Drain the pasta & return it to the pot. Pour the red pepper sauce, the Parmesan cheese, the broccoli & the basil into the pot of penne. Heat the contents over medium heat until the pasta is very hot. Mix well. Add more salt & pepper to taste if necessary. Serve the pasta immediately.



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## Cucumber, Onion &

### Pepper Salad

\*3 cups thinly sliced cucumber
\*3/4 cup chopped red onion \*1 ¼
cup chopped peppers \*1/2 cup
cider vinegar \*2 Tbsp. sugar
In a large serving bowl, combine
the cucumbers, onion & peppers.
In a small bowl, whisk vinegar &
sugar. Pour over vegetables; toss
to coat. Chill until serving. Serve
with a slotted spoon.

#### Corn. Potato & Zucchini Chowder

\* 1 Tbsp. olive oil \*3 cloves garlic, minced \*1 onion, diced \*1 red bell pepper, diced \*1/4 cup flour \*2 cups milk or unsweetened plant based milk \*3 cups veggie broth \*1 pound potatoes, cubed \*2 cups roasted corn kernels \*1 zucchini, chopped \*1 bay leaf \*1/2 tsp. thyme \*pinch of cayenne pepper \*pinch of nutmeg \*salt & pepper to taste

Heat olive oil in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add garlic, onion & bell pepper & cook, stirring occasionally, until onions become translucent, about 3-4 minutes. Whisk in flour until lightly browned, about 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk & vegetable broth & cook, whisking constantly, until incorporated, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in red potatoes, corn, zucchini, bay leaf, thyme, cayenne pepper, nutmeg, salt & pepper, to taste. Bring to a boil; reduce heat & simmer until potatoes are tender, about 15-20 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Serve immediately.