# WINTER SOUASH

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BUTTERNUT

Roasted

Braised

Steamed

#### WHAT PARTS CAN I EAT AND HOW?



 You can rinse, season and roast butternut squash, spaghetti squash and acorn squash seeds the same way you would roast pumpkin seeds!





- Roastee
- Braised
- Steamed

#### SPAGHETTI

- 1. Cut it in half lengthwise, remove seeds, and roast in the oven cut-side down.
- 2. Once cool enough to touch, use a fork to scrape the strands.

#### ACORN

- Roasted, braised or steamed
- Sliced in half, baked and eaten straight from its bowl-like shell.

**TIP:** Choose firm squash with no visible blemishes or soft spots. A ripe squash will have a tan, dry stem and matte exterior.



Squash season in Quebec lasts from the end of **August** until the end of **April**!



Store winter squash in a dry, cool spot (but not the refrigerator) and use within 1-3 months. You can keep cooked squash in the fridge for 5-7 days.

## BUTTERNUT SQUASH & APPLE SOUP

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 butternut squash, peeled and chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 green apple, peeled, cored, and chopped
- 3 cups of broth (chicken or vegetable)
- 1 cup of water
- 1/2 tsp of cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp of nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp of cayenne
- Salt and pepper, to taste

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Turn the stove on medium-high heat.
- In a large pot, sauté the onions, carrots, and celery. Lower the heat if the vegetables begin to brown.
- 3. Add squash, apple, broth, and water. Bring mixture to a boil.
- 4. Add seasonings: cinnamon, nutmeg, cayenne, and salt.
- 5. Cover and leave to simmer for 30 minutes or until squash and carrots have softened.
- 6. In a blender, purée the soup.

### COCONUT CURRIED SPAGHETTI SQUASH 4 SERVINGS

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 medium spaghetti squash
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 3-4 cups spinach
- 1 (14oz) can coconut milk
- 2 cups water or vegetable broth
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 3 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon ginger
- 1⁄8 teaspoon ground cloves
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons oil
- Cilantro, green onions and lime to garnish

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- Cut your spaghetti squash in half, lengthwise, removed seeds and place open side down and bake for 20-25 minutes or until spaghetti squash gives a bit when you poke it.
- Add oil and garlic to a saucepan on medium heat. Add onion and bell pepper and cook for 5 minutes until the veggies become slightly soft. Add coconut milk, water, spinach, sesame oil, and spices. Mix to incorporate. Cover and let cook for around 5 minutes
- 4. Use a fork to remove all the threads from the cooked squash. Place threads in a large bowl, pour your coconut curry soup over the "noodles" then squeeze some lime juice on top and garnish cilantro and green onions.