Cooking Essentials

Ingredients for Life

Quick Pickling

Quick pickling is a great way to add sweet, sour, and salty flavors to vegetables. Perfect as a snack or topping to a meal, pickled vegetables pack a bright and flavorful punch. Quick pickling slightly changes the texture of raw vegetables while preserving a good amount of crunch. Try out different combinations of vinegars, seasonings, and vegetables to find what you like best.

When pickling vegetables, be sure to follow standard food safety practices. These include washing your hands before you begin, washing vegetables before use, and using clean utensils and equipment. Once the pickled vegetables have cooled for 2 hours, they can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 7 days.

Vegetables: 4 cups thinly sliced vegetables



Seasoning:

1 tablespoon sugar and 1 tablespoon salt; other flavors optional



Optional



Salt and sugar help to enhance the natural flavors of the vegetables as well as balance out a strong sour flavor from the vinegar. Add additional flavor with various seasonings, herbs, and spices.

Liquid:

1 cup water and 1 cup of vinegar



Water



Apple cider vinegar



Rice vinegar



White vinegar







Glass or food-grade plastic containers work well for pickling. They should be air-tight and cleaned thoroughly before use.

Bring ingredients to a boil. Remove from heat and add vegetables. Cool for 2 hours then refrigerate

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Just about any vegetable can be quick pickled. This technique is versatile, quick, and a great way to stretch the life of some of your produce. To add a flavorful punch, recipes may call for pickled vegetables as an ingredient, such as a Banh Mi sandwich. Experiment with other non-traditional ways to use quick pickled vegetables: on top of burgers, salads, fried rice, omelets, and even soup.

Ideas





Vegetables:

4 cups thinly sliced vegetables

Seasoning:

1 tablespoon sugar and 1 tablespoon salt; other flavors optional

Liquid:

1 cup water and 1 cup of vinegar

Quick-Pickled Carrots and Radishes



Carrot sticks



Sliced radishes



Salt Sugar



Quick-Pickled Spicy Onions





Sliced red onions

Sliced jalapeños







Salt Sugar

Garlic cloves





Water

Apple cider vinegar

