

Simple, Delicious Recipes For Grilling Without the Guilt!

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Truffle Ketchup

Ketchup is the quintessential condiment when it comes to outdoor cooking and grilling. Ketchup has lots of redeeming qualities, low in calories, fat, and high in lycopene and Vit A from the tomatoes. The only hitch is that store-bought ketchup is also loaded with high fructose corn syrup, which is made from GMO ingredients and wrecks havoc on your blood sugar. I think we can do better. The truffle oil gives it a great depth of flavor, it's sweetened with local honey and honestly I think it's better than the original.

6 oz tomato paste

3 tsp honey

1 Tbsp + 1 tsp White vin (or apple cider vin)

½ tsp salt

½ tsp onion powder

1/4 tsp garlic powder

1/4 tsp dry mustard powder

pinch: cinnamon, all spice and clove

½ tsp black truffle oil

Mix all ingredients together and serve immediately or let the flavors meld in the fridge overnight.

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Coleslaw
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Ahh, another BBQ darling is coleslaw. Creamy, tangy and crunchy – BUT it's also loaded with calorie dense mayo, chemical preservatives AND most recipes also call for up to a ½ cup of refined white sugar – not so good for your waistline or your health. In this healthier spin we are going to use shredded kale instead of cabbage – which is a powerhouse of healthy vitamins and nutrients, anti-inflammatory and detoxification effects on body – even fights cancer.

- 1 cup kale
- 1 cup cabbage
- 1 cup carrots
- 1 avocado
- 2 Tbsp Sunflower seeds
- 2 Tbsp pepitas
- 2 Tbsp Olive oil
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon

salt and pepper

Put kale, carrots, cabbage, and seeds in a bowl. Mix oil, lemon juice, Dijon and salt and pepper in a small bowl and pour into the kale mix. Mix until well combined and then add in avocado.

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Grilled Veggie Stacks

Move over kabobs, veggies are earning a new place on the grill! This is my absolute favorite! Not only is it better for you than a burger it is way more elegant and it tastes so good you are going to have all the meat-lovers asking you for one.

Olive oil
Balsamic
Salt and pepper
Pesto (I like Vegetaballs Farm Pesto from Vermont)
Goat cheese (I like Does's Leap Chevre)
Balsamic glaze and/or stem of fresh rosemary to garnish (optional)

Marinate sliced eggplant, zucchini, red pepper, onion (or your other favorite veggies) vernight in a marinade of olive oil, balsamic vinegar and a little salt and pepper. Place on grill (medium to medium-high heat, or around 450 degrees). Flip once ½ way through cooking. Stack veggies on plate alternating with goat cheese and pesto. Skewer with a stem of fresh rosemary and garnish with balsamic glaze.

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Falafel Burgers

This is another burger option that is packed with so much flavor you don't feel like you are missing a thing, it's got lots of protein but is also vegetarian, and vegan friendly and can even make it gluten free.

2 cloves garlic, minced handful of parsley/cilantro 1½ tsp cumin 1½ tsp coriander ½ tsp chilli powder 1 can chickpeas ½ Tbsp tahini sprinkle nama shuyu squeeze of lemon

½ Tbsp olive oil

2 Tbsp flour (or use chickpea flour – this will make it a little more likely to break apart on the grill so consider frying it on a pan to cook it then heat on the grill) salt and pepper

Put all ingredients except flour into food processor and pulse until well combined but still a little chunky. Spoon into a bowl and mix with flour or Gluten free flour (or chickpea flour) let

sit about 5 minutes to stiffen. Make into patties and grill (if it sticks add some flour to the outside of the burger) or fry on a pan with butter then grill for some added flavor.

Serve with tahini sauce, cukes, tomato, olives, tadziki sauce

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