

## Pasta Salad

Makes: 6 servings (1 cup per serving)

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

## **Ingredients**

2 cups cooked pasta (any shape)

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

1 teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon black pepper

½ teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon Italian seasoning

1 pinch of crushed red pepper flakes (optional)

1 cup diced cucumber

1 large tomato, seeds removed and chopped\*

½ green pepper, diced

1 small onion, minced

½ cup frozen peas, thawed

## **Nutrition Facts** 6 servings per container Serving size 1 Cup (122g) Amount Per Serving Calories Total Fat 8g 10% Saturated Fat 1g Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 0mg 0% Sodium 200mg 9% Total Carbohydrate 17g 6% Dietary Fiber 2g 7% Total Sugars 3g Includes 0g Added Sugars 0% Protein 4g 8% Vitamin D 0mcg 0% Calcium 16mg 2% Iron 1mg 6% Potassium 133mg 2% \*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

## **Directions**

- 1. Cook the pasta, drain, and cool in the refrigerator.
- 2. Wash all vegetables, and remove seeds from tomato.\*
- 3. Collect, dice, and measure all ingredients before starting to prepare the recipe.
- 4. Whisk together oil, vinegar, salt, black pepper, garlic powder, Italian seasoning, and crushed red pepper flakes (if using) in a large bowl.
- 5. Add the pasta, cucumber, tomato, green pepper, onion, and peas.
- 6. Mix all ingredients together until the vegetables and pasta are evenly coated.
- 7. Serve immediately. It tastes even better when refrigerated for at least an hour. Cover when storing in the fridge, and stir again before serving.
- 8. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours. Eat within 3 to 5 days.

*Be creative!* Use whole wheat pasta.



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<sup>\*</sup> Removing tomato seeds: Turn the tomato on its side so the stem faces to the right. Cut the tomato down the center, and use a  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon to spoon out the seeds.