

Intended Outcomes

Enhance your skills in:

Traditional canning
Time saving canning
Creative canning
Food safety & canning



Traditional Canning



Basics of Safe Home Canning

- High quality food is selected and prepared according to specific directions following a USDA tested recommendation.
- Food is placed in a canning or MASON-type jar with a 2-piece lid and is heated to a temperature that destroys microorganisms.
- Heat also inactivates enzymes that can cause changes in color, flavor and texture.
- Air is driven from the jar during heating. As the jar cools, a vacuum seal is formed.



Two Approved Methods of Canning Foods At Home

- 1) Boiling Water Canning (212°F at sea level)
 - Used for acid foods
- 2) Pressure Canning (at least 240°F)
 - Used for low acid foods (and mixtures of acid and low acid foods)



Important "Musts" for Canning

- Food must be properly prepared and processed the correct amount of time.
- Canner must be accurate and operated correctly.
- You may need to make altitude adjustments, depending on your altitude.
- Directions from a reputable source must be followed (USDA, Cooperative Extension, National Center for Home Food Preservation (www.homefoodpreservation.com), Ball Blue Book, So Easy To Preserve.
- Up-to-date methods and information should be used; beware of "granny's method."



Jars

- ⊗ Sizes
- ⊗ Oldies
- ⊗ No Go
- ⊗ Unusable





Canning Failures

- ⊗ Broken Seal
- ⊗ Discoloration
- ⊗ Bubbling
- **⊗ Bulging lid**



Remove rings to monitor lid failure

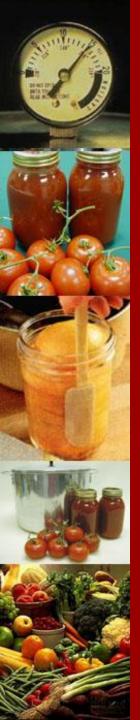






Pre-Measured Spices





Asian Pickle Mix

⊗ Just add cucumbers!!





Caribbean Fruit Salsa New Canning Spices







Mrs Wages Products

- Products include Canning Products and mixes; products can be purchased <u>online</u> or at your <u>local retailer</u>.
- ⊗ Tips for Successful Ordering
 - Order early to accommodate your harvest time. We recommend purchasing your Mrs. Wages products when you purchase your seeds and plants.
 - Order extra product to ensure you have enough for your ripe produce.
 - Product is best when used within 12 months of purchase.
 Product may be used up to 18 months from purchase when stored in a cool, dry place.



Mrs. Wages Pickles





Tomato and Salsa









Fruits and Jelly







Winter Canning

Creative ways to enjoy your garden harvest on a cold winter day!



Advantages of Winter or Off-Season Canning

- ⊗ Comfortable kitchen
- Manage the glut of summer produce
- **Solution Time management- deferred to a better time**
- **⊗** Create Gourmet Holiday gifts
- Preserve venison/wild game harvested in season
- Rescue to save costly freezer contents when there is freezer failure due to widespread loss of electricity but cooking gas is available.



Time Management: plan for canning projects

- ⊗ Consider no cook jam
- **⊗ Use mixes**
- Purchase ingredients ahead
- ⊗ Pull ingredients ahead: thaw tomatoes

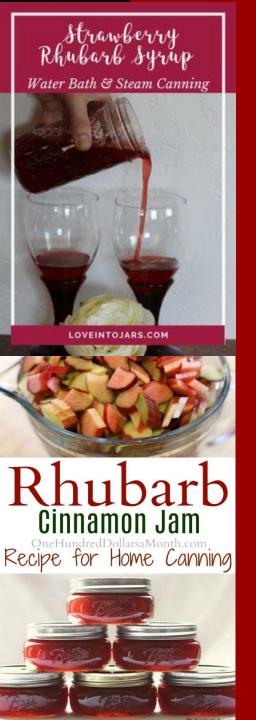


Lots of Tomatoes But No Time: put them on ice

- ⊗ Pick ripe, blemish free tomatoes. Rinse and dry. Place in bags and freeze. Use when convenient.
- ⊗ When ready to use, thaw in refrigerator. Skin, cut out tough skins, pour off watery liquid and make your salsa or other recipes



Timeline for Chile Salsa



Spring Canning Ideas



MY ISLAND BISTRO KITCHEN

RHUBARB MARMALADE

VIEW THE RECIPE AT WWW.MYISLANDBISTROKITCHEN.COM



Asparagus



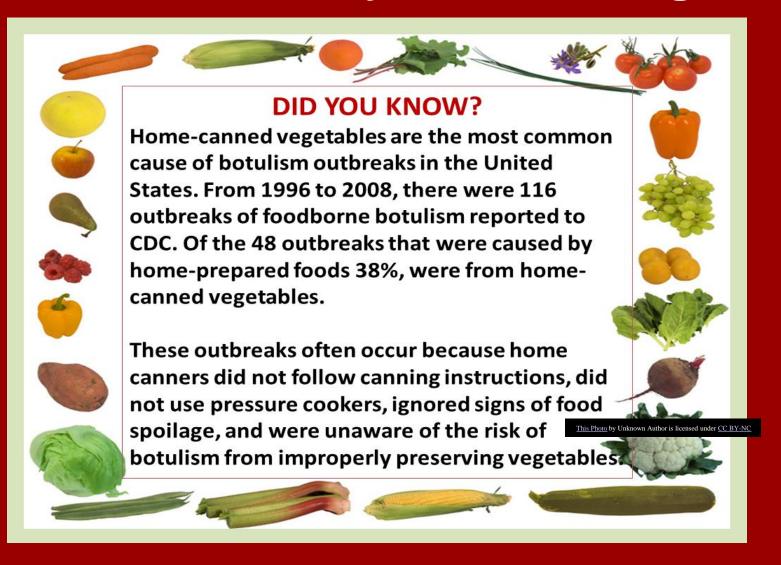


Fun Use of Empty Jars for Easter





Food Safety and Canning





Selection of Produce

- Select only disease-free, preferably vineripened, firm fruit for canning
- Do not can tomatoes from dead or frost-killed vine.
- ⊗ Use of a pressure canner will result in higher quality and more nutritious canned tomato products
- Wear gloves and goggles when handling hot peppers



Tips for Food Safety

- **⊗ Follow directions!!!!!!!**
- **Solution Avoid alternative canning methods**
- Do not increase the amount of onions and green peppers in salsa recipes
- ⊗ To ensure safe acidity in tomatoes, add 2 tablespoons of bottled lemon juice or 1/2 teaspoon of citric acid per quart of tomatoes
- **⊗ Store canned goods for 18 months or less.**
- Remove rings; Do not use a jar with a broken seal
- Prevent Steam Burns—follow directions for cooling canner and removing jars from canner



Tips for Safety

- **⊗ INSPECT YOUR JARS**
- **⊗ CHECK JAR TOPS.**
- **SOLUTION** SERVICE OF STREET OF STRE
- **SOLUTION WASH AND RINSE JARS THOROUGHLY.**
- **MAKE SURE LIDS AND BANDS ARE CLEAN..**
- **SOLUTION SERVICE SERVICE SERVICE SOLUTION SERVICE SER**
- **SCRUB PRODUCE.**
- **⊗ HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO WORK.**
- Everything checked out, clean and fresh? Now you're ready to begin!



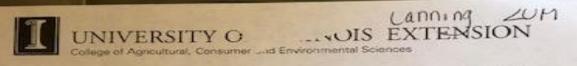
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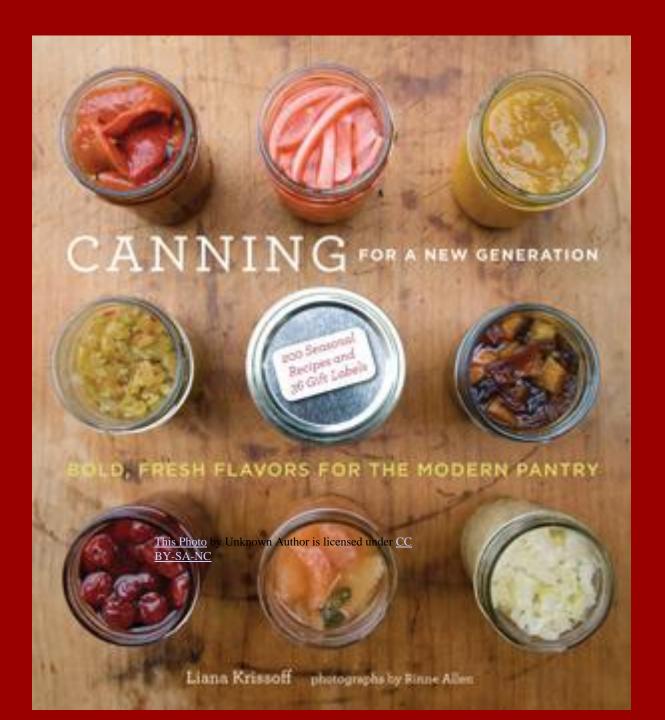


Cottage Laws in Illinois

- **⊗ Check with your Local Health**Inspector for guidance
 - http://www.mercercountyil.org/Departments/Health.aspx 309-582-3759
- ⊗ Only strongly acid foods can be sold—check the list
 - Jams, jellies, pickles
- ⊗ Only use USDA tested salsa recipes



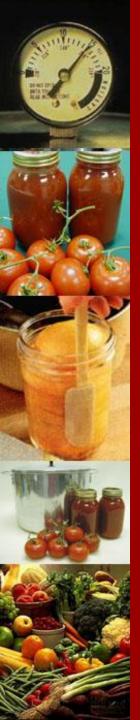








Small Batch Canning



Top Picks

- National Center for Home Food Preservation nchfp.uga.edu
- Ball/Kerr consumer website http://www.freshpreserving.com
- Sure Jell- jam and jelly recipes (Kraft Foods) www.surejell.com



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Summary

Taste Testing Handouts