

FEATURED RECIPE: Veggie barley salad with orange vinaigrette

Ingredients:

1 cup pearl barley

1 medium tomato (chopped)

2 medium carrots (shredded)

1 medium red, orange or yellow bell pepper (seeded and chopped)

2 cups fresh spinach (chopped)

1 1/2 ounces orange juice

3 tablespoons olive or canola oil

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar (or any other mild vinegar)

1 teaspoon honey

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

- 1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add barley and cook, uncovered, until tender, about 40 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl.
- 2. Add the tomato, carrots, bell pepper and spinach, and stir to combine.
- 3. In a small bowl, whisk together the orange juice, olive or canola oil, vinegar, honey, salt and pepper. Pour the vinaigrette over the barley salad and mix thoroughly.
- 4. Refrigerate overnight for best results.

Servings: 4

Calories: 294, Total Fat: 11 g, Saturated Fat: 2 g, Sodium: 81 mg Total Carbohydrate: 44 g, Dietary Fiber: 8 g, Protein: 5 g

Source: USDA Mixing Bowl