# Storage Tips

<u>Peaches:</u> Store peaches at room temperature until ripe — this usually takes 2 to 3 days. A ripe fruit will yield a bit when pressed gently. To speed up the ripening process, place peaches in a paper bag and store at room temperature, out of direct sunlight. Once ripe, store them in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

<u>Pears</u> - Store at room temperature until ripe — to hasten ripening, place pears in a paper bag at room temperature. Once ripe, place pears in a plastic bag and refrigerate.

<u>Mushrooms</u> - Prepackaged mushrooms should stay in the package, but loose mushrooms or those in an open package should be stored in a paper bag or in a damp cloth bag in the refrigerator. Do not place in plastic bag.

<u>Cauliflower</u> - Store, stem-side down in a plastic bag in the refrigerator (stem-side down prevents moisture from collecting in the florets & possibly causing the head to spoil).

<u>Tomatoes</u> - Do NOT refrigerate. Keep them at room temperature on the counter away from direct sunlight.

<u>Potatoes</u> - Store in a well-ventilated area so they stay fresh longer. Do not refrigerate. Place them in a metal basket or rack, a wooden crate or a cardboard box with holes. Keep out of sunlight & in a cool, dark & slightly humid place, like a basement, unheated closet or cupboard.

<u>Beets</u> - remove any of the tops (the green part). Make sure the roots are dry & unwashed. Place them in a separate zip lock bags & store in the fridge (do not store with any part of greens attached as they will pull moisture from the root). Beet greens are edible & good for you. They can be chopped up and added to soups, stews or casseroles.

# Garden to Doorstep Organics

## Roasted Beet Hummus

\*1 small roasted beet \*1 (15 oz.) can chickpeas (mostly drained)
\*1 large lemon, zested \*1/2 large lemon, juiced \*1 pinch of salt
& pepper \*2 cloves garlic, minced \*2 heaping Tbsp. tahini \*1/4
cup olive oil

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F, remove the stem & most of the root from your beets & scrub & wash them underwater until clean. Wrap the beet in foil, drizzle on a bit of olive or avocado oil, wrap tightly & roast for one hour or until a knife inserted falls out without resistance. They should be tender. Set in the fridge (in a bowl to catch juice) to cool to room temperature. Once your beet is cooled & peeled, quarter it & place it in your food processor. Blend until only small bits remain. Add remaining ingredients except for olive oil & blend until smooth. Drizzle in olive oil as the hummus is mixing.

Taste & adjust seasonings as needed, adding more salt, lemon juice, or olive oil if needed. If it's too thick, add a bit of water. Will keep in the fridge for up to a week.



#### Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms

\*1 1/2 Tbsp. olive oil \*1 clove garlic, minced \*1/4 tsp. salt \*1/4 tsp. pepper \*2 port cap mushrooms (gills removed) \*1/2 cup halved grape tomatoes \*1/4 cup mozzarella pearls, drained & patted dry \*1 Tbsp. dried basil \*1 tsp. balsamic vinegar Preheat oven to 400°F. Combine 1 Tbsp. olive oil, garlic, 1/8 tsp. salt and 1/8 tsp. pepper in a small bowl. Using a silicone brush, coat mushrooms all over with the oil mixture. Place on a large rimmed baking sheet & bake until the mushrooms are mostly soft, about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, stir tomatoes, mozzarella, basil & the remaining 1/8 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and ½ Tbsp. oil together in a nedium bowl. Once the mushrooms have softened, remove from the oven and fill with the tomato mixture. Bake until the cheese is fully melted & the tomatoes have wilted, about 12 to 15 minutes more. Drizzle each mushroom

with ½ teaspoon vinegar & serve.

## Roasted Parmesan Garlic Cauliflower -Yum

\*1/2 cup melted butter \*2 cloves garlic, minced \*1 cup Italian or plain breadcrumbs \*1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese \*1/4 tsp. salt \*1/4 tsp. pepper \*1 medium cauliflower head

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Set aside. Remove all leaves from cauliflower head. Cut cauliflower into florets, all roughly the same size. You can slice the large florets in half, if needed. Melt butter in a small bowl. Add garlic & stir in.

Place breadcrumbs, salt, pepper & Parmesan cheese in another bowl. Dip each cauliflower piece into butter first, then to breadcrumbs.

Place each breaded piece on prepared baking sheet. Repeat until you use up all cauliflower. Roast cauliflower for 35 to 32 minutes, or until the breading is golden brown.



\*1 ½ pounds potatoes, cut lengthwise into eighths \*2 Tbsp. olive oil \*1 pint grape tomatoes \*1/2 tsp. rosemary \*3 smashed garlic cloves \*salt & pepper

Put a baking sheet in the oven and preheat to 450 degrees F. Cut 1 1/2 pounds large redskinned potatoes lengthwise into eighths. Toss with 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1 pint cherry tomatoes, 3 sprigs rosemary, 3 smashed garlic cloves, and salt and pepper. Put cut-side down on the hot baking sheet and roast 15 minutes. Flip the mixture and roast 10 more minutes.



#### Delicious Beets

\*3/4 cup sugar \*2 tsp.
cornstarch \*1/3 cup vinegar
\*1/3 cup water \*1 tsp. ground
mustard \*1 tsp. onion powder
\*4 cups cooked, sliced beets \*3
Tbsp. butter \*1/4 tsp. salt
\*dash of pepper
In saucepan, combine the
sugar & cornstarch. Add
vinegar & water; bring to a
boil. Add all remaining
ingredients; reduce heat to
simmer. Heat through.