

Recipe Booklet Reverse Side



**Cuisinart® Compact Microwave** 

**CMW-55 Series** 

For your safety and continued enjoyment of this product, always read the instruction book carefully before using.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of burns, electric shock, fire, injury to persons, or exposure to excessive microwave energy, and when using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should be followed including the following:

- 1. Read all instructions before using the appliance.
- Read and follow the specific warning: PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID
   POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO
   EXCESSIVE MICROWAVE
   ENERGY, page 3.
- This appliance must be grounded. Connect only to properly grounded outlet. See GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS, page 4.
- Install or locate this appliance only in accordance with the provided installation instructions, pages 7-8.
- Some products such as whole eggs and sealed containers – for example, closed glass jars – can explode and should not be heated in this oven.
- 6. Use this appliance only for its intended use as described in this manual. Do not use corrosive chemicals or vapors in this appliance. This oven is specifically designed to heat or cook food. It is not designed for industrial or laboratory use.
- As with any appliance, close supervision is necessary when it is used by children.
- Do not operate this appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly or if it has been damaged or dropped.
- This appliance should be serviced only by qualified service technicians. Contact 1-800-726-0190.
- Do not cover or block any openings on the appliance.

- Do not store or use this appliance outdoors.
- 12. Do not use this product near water, for example, near a kitchen sink, in a wet basement, near a swimming pool, or similar locations.
- Do not immerse cord or plug in water.
- Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- 15. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter.
- 16. When cleaning surfaces of door and oven that come together on closing the door, use only mild, nonabrasive soaps or detergents applied with a sponge or soft cloth.
- 17. To reduce the risk of fire in the oven interior:
  - a) Do not overcook food. Carefully attend appliance when paper, plastic, or other combustible materials are placed inside the oven to facilitate cooking.
  - b) Remove wire twist-ties from paper or plastic bags before placing bag in oven.
  - c) If materials inside the oven ignite, keep oven door closed, turn oven off, and disconnect the power cord, or shut off power at the fuse or circuit breaker panel.
  - d) Do not use the interior for storage purposes. Do not leave paper products, cooking utensils or food in the oven when not in use.
- 18. Liquids such as water, coffee, or tea can be overheated beyond the boiling point without appearing to be boiling. This is called delayed eruptive boiling. Visible bubbling or boiling when the container is removed from the microwave oven is not always present. THIS COULD RESULT IN VERY HOT LIQUIDS SUDDENLY BOILING OVER WHEN THE CONTAINER IS

### DISTURBED OR A UTENSIL IS INSERTED INTO THE LIQUID.

- 19. To reduce the risk of injury to persons:
  - a. Do not use straight-sided containers with narrow necks.
     Use a wide-mouth container.
  - b. Stir liquid both before and halfway through heating it.
  - c. Do not overheat liquid.
  - d. Use extreme care when inserting a spoon or other utensil into the container. This may also cause delayed eruptive boiling.
  - After heating, allow the container to stand in the microwave oven for at least 20 seconds before removing the container.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

# PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE MICROWAVE ENERGY

 Do not attempt to operate this oven with the door open as this can result in harmful exposure to microwave energy. It is important not to

- break or tamper with the safety interlocks.
- Do not place any object between the front of the oven interior and the door or allow soil or cleaner residue to accumulate on sealing surfaces.
- 3. Do not operate the oven if it is damaged. It is particularly important that the oven door closes properly and that there is no damage to the door (for example, make sure that it is not bent); hinges and latches (for example, make sure that they are not broken or loosened); door seals and sealing surface.
- The oven should not be adjusted or repaired by anyone except properly qualified service personnel.

If the microwave unit is not kept clean, its surface could be degraded and lead to a hazardous situation.

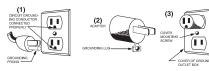
## SPECIAL CORD SET INSTRUCTIONS

**DANGER - Electric Shock Hazard**Touching some of the internal components can cause serious personal injury or death. Do not disassemble this appliance.

WARNING - Electric Shock Hazard Improper use of the grounding can result in electric shock. Do not plug into an outlet until appliance is properly installed and grounded.



## GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS



This appliance must be grounded. In the event of an electrical short circuit, grounding reduces the risk of electric shock by providing an escape wire for the electric current. This appliance is equipped with a cord with a grounding wire and grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into an outlet that is properly installed and grounded.

Consult a qualified electrician or serviceman if the grounding instructions are not completely understood or if doubt exists as to whether the appliance is properly grounded. If it is necessary to use an extension cord, use only a 3-wire extension cord that has a 3-pronged grounding plug, and a 3-slot receptacle that will accept the plug on the appliance.

- A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
- Longer cord sets or an extension cord should not be used unless the following precautions are followed (see 3, below).
- 3. If a long cord or extension cord is used:
  - The marked electrical rating of the cord set or extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance.
  - The extension cord must be a grounding-type 3-wire cord.
  - The longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Congratulations on choosing a very smart microwave oven! Your Cuisinart® Compact Microwave requires very little counter space to perform a huge variety of functions! You'll find the interior big enough for most of the items you'd like to defrost, reheat or microwave. Take a few minutes to read how to use the presets and you'll be amazed at how easily you can prepare a meal, snack or beverage. And be sure to enjoy this oven's unique two-stage feature, which lets you set it to automatically shift from one function to another. There's so much to look forward to. Bon appetit!

#### IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

- The oven must be placed on a level surface.
- The glass turntable and turntable assembly must be in the oven during cooking. Handle the glass turntable carefully and place cookware on it gently to avoid possible breakage.
- Incorrect use of a browning dish may cause the turntable to break, see page 6.
- Use only the specified bag size when using the preset popcorn program.
- The oven has several built-in safety switches to ensure that the power remains off when the door is open. Do not tamper with these switches.
- Do not operate the microwave oven empty. Operating the oven with no food or food that is extremely low in moisture can cause fire, charring or sparking.
- Do not cook bacon directly on the turntable. Excessive local heating of the turntable may cause the turntable to break.
- Do not heat baby bottles or baby food in the microwave oven. Uneven heating/hotspots may occur and could cause injury.
- 9. Do not heat narrow-necked containers, such as syrup bottles.
- Do not attempt to deep-fry in your microwave oven.
- Do not attempt home canning in this microwave oven, as it is impossible to be sure all contents of the jar have reached boiling temperature.
- Do not use this microwave oven for commercial purposes. This microwave oven is made for household use only.

13. Failure to maintain the oven in a clean condition could lead to deterioration that could adversely affect the life of the appliance and possibly result in a hazardous situation.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Model: **CMW-55** Rated Voltage: 120V~ 60Hz Rated Input Power: 1050W Rated Output Power: 700W Oven Capacity: 0.6 Cu Ft Turntable Diameter: 9.6 inches External Dimensions (WxHxD): 17.3 x 13.0 x 10.2 inches Approximate Net Weight: 22 lbs.

#### **CONTAINERS**

#### **CAUTION: Personal Injury Hazard**

Tightly closed containers could explode. Closed containers should be opened and plastic pouches should be pierced before cooking.

See the charts on pages 6 and 7 of materials you can use in microwave oven or to avoid using in your microwave oven. There may be certain non-metallic materials that are not safe to use for microwaving. If in doubt, you can test the material/container in question following the procedure below.

#### **Material/Container Test**

- Fill a microwave-safe container with 1 cup of cold water (250ml) along with the material or container in question.
- Cook on maximum power for 1 minute.
- Carefully feel the material or container. If it is warm, do not use it for microwave cooking.
- 4. Do not exceed 1 minute cooking time

#### MATERIALS YOU CAN USE IN MICROWAVE

**Arcing** is sparks or electric flashes that crackle or pop. Arcing can produce heat that is quite intense and can damage the interior of the microwave or containers being used in the microwave. It can also cause fire.

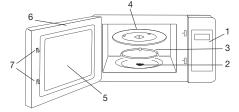
Arcing occurs when metal containers are used in the microwave and can also occur with the use of metal skewers, metal clamps, or twist ties for plastic bags. To prevent arcing, use these charts (below and following page) to determine which materials are microwave safe, or follow instructions from container/wrap manufacturer.

| Aluminum foil       | Shielding only. Small smooth pieces may be used to cover thin parts of poultry to prevent overcooking. Arcing can occur if foil is too close to oven walls. The foil should be at least 1 inch (2.5cm) away from the oven walls.  |
|---------------------|---|
| Browning dish       | Use a browning dish in this microwave oven only if your browning dish is supplied with a microwave trivet that will lift the browning dish ¾6 inch (5mm) above the turntable. Incorrect usage may cause the turntable to break.   |
| Dinnerware          | Microwave safe only. Follow manufacturer's instructions. Do not use cracked or chipped dishes.  |
| Glass jars          | Always remove lid. Use only to heat food until just warm. Most glass jars are not heat resistant and may break. Use tempered glass only. Jars for canning are tempered and microwave safe.  |
| Glassware           | Heat-resistant oven glassware only. Make sure there is no metallic trim. Do not use cracked or chipped glassware.   |
| Oven cooking bags   | Follow manufacturer's instructions. Do not close with metal tie. Make slits to allow steam to escape.   |
| Paper plates & cups | Use for short-term cooking/warming only. Do not leave oven unattended while cooking. They should be labeled for use in microwave – with no color/dye.   |
| Paper towels        | Use to cover food for reheating and for absorbing fat. Use with supervision for short-term cooking only.  |
| Parchment paper     | Use as a cover to prevent splattering or as a wrap for steaming.  |
| Plastic             | Microwave safe only. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Should be labeled microwave safe. Some plastic containers soften as the food inside gets hot. "Boiling bags" and tightly closed plastic bags should be split, pierced or vented as directed by package instructions. Do not reuse plastic containers from carry-out foods or frozen foods. |
| Plastic wrap        | Microwave safe only. Use to cover food during cooking to retain moisture. Do not allow plastic wrap to touch food. Vent or pierce before cooling.   |
| Thermometers        | Microwave safe only (meat and candy thermometers).  |
| Wax paper           | Use as a cover to prevent splattering and retain moisture inside.   |

#### MATERIALS TO BE AVOIDED IN MICROWAVE

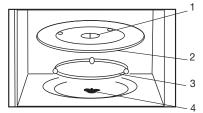
| Aluminum tray                       | May cause arcing. Transfer food to microwave-safe dish.                                  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Food carton with metal handle       | May cause arcing. Transfer food to microwave-safe dish.                                  |
| Metal or metal-<br>trimmed utensils | Metal shields the food from microwave energy. Metal trim may cause arcing.               |
| Metal twist ties                    | May cause arcing and could cause a fire in the oven.                                     |
| Paper bags                          | May cause a fire in the oven.  |
| Plastic foam                        | Plastic foam may melt or contaminate the liquid inside when exposed to high temperature. |
| Wood                                | Wood will dry out when used in the microwave oven and may split or crack.                |

## PARTS AND ACCESSORIES



- 1. Control Panel
- 2. Turntable Shaft
- 3. Turntable Assembly
- 4. Glass Turntable
- 5. Observation Window
- 6. Door Assembly
- 7. Safety Interlock System

## TURNTABLE INSTALLATION



- 1. Hub (on bottom of glass turntable)
- 2. Glass Turntable
- 3. Turntable Assembly
- 4. Turntable Shaft

Never place the glass turntable upside down. Free movement of the glass turn table should never be restricted.

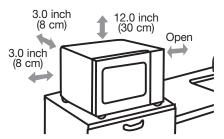
Both glass turntable and turntable assembly must always be used during cooking.

All food and containers of food are always placed on the glass turntable for cooking.

Do not use another type of round tray to replace original part. If glass turntable or turntable assembly cracks or breaks, a replacement can be ordered from Customer Services as a replacement part. See page 14 for details.

## COUNTERTOP

Remove all packing material and accessories. Examine the oven for any damage such as dents or broken door. Do not install if oven is damaged.



 Select a level surface that provides enough open space for the intake an/or outlet vents.

- 2. Do not remove the legs from the bottom of the oven.
- Leave a minimum clearance of 12 inches (30cm) above the oven. A minimum clearance of 3.0 (8cm) inches is required between the oven and any adjacent walls. One side must be open.
- Remove any protective film found on the microwave oven cabinet surface.
- Do not remove the light brown mica cover "wave guard" that is attached to the oven cavity to protect the magnetron.
- Blocking the intake and/or outlet openings can damage the oven.
- Operation of microwave oven may cause interference to other electronic equipment in the vicinity.
- Plug your oven into a standard household outlet. Be sure the voltage and the frequency are the same as the voltage and the frequency on the rating label.

**WARNING:** Do not install oven over a range cooktop or other heat-producing appliance. If improperly installed near or over a heat source, the oven could be damaged and the warranty would be void.

The accessible surfaces may be hot during operation.

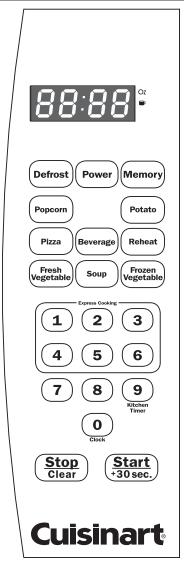
#### **CONTROL PANEL**

#### **OPERATION**

#### 1. SETTING THE CLOCK

When the microwave oven is plugged into an outlet, the LED will display 0:00.

- 1. Press 0/CLOCK. LED will display 00:00.
- Press the number keys to enter the correct time as corresponding 00 is flashing. Time entered can be 1:00–12:59.



For example, for 10:12, press 1, 0, 1, 2 in turn.

3. Press START/+30SEC. to confirm. Time will appear in LED.

#### Note:

To see the time of day while the timer is showing cooking time, press 0/CLOCK. To see the power level currently in use, press POWER. The LED will resume previous display after three seconds.

#### 2. KITCHEN TIMER

- Press touchpad 9/KITCHEN TIMER. LED will display 00:00.
- Press the number keys to enter the desired cooking time. Enter hours and/or minutes as corresponding 00 is flashing on display. The maximum cooking time is 99 minutes and 99 seconds.
- 3. Press START/+30SEC. to confirm setting.
- When the cooking time has elapsed, the buzzer will sound 5 times and the LED will display the current time.

#### 3. MICROWAVE COOKING

Ten power levels are available.

| Level | Power | Display |
|-------|-------|---------|
| 10    | 100%  | PL10    |
| 9     | 90%   | PL9     |
| 8     | 80%   | PL8     |
| 7     | 70%   | PL7     |
| 6     | 60%   | PL6     |
| 5     | 50%   | PL5     |
| 4     | 40%   | PL4     |
| 3     | 30%   | PL3     |
| 2     | 20%   | PL2     |
| 1     | 10%   | PL1     |

- Press POWER repeatedly to choose the microwave power you need. PL10, PL9, PL8...PL1 will be displayed in sequence.
- Press number keys to enter the cooking time; the maximum cooking time is 99 minutes and 99 seconds.
- Press START/+30SEC. to start cooking; the LED will count down the remaining cooking time.

Note: If the STOP/CLEAR button is pressed during cooking, or if there no operation is selected within 1 minute of entering the cooking time, the oven will automatically go back to its former setting.

For example: to cook with 50% microwave power for 15 minutes:

- Press POWER repeatedly until PL5 displays.
- 2. Enter the cooking time: press 1,5,0,0.
- Press START/+30SEC. to start cooking.

#### Notes

- a. LED will display the remaining cooking time while the oven is operating or paused.
- b. If cooking is interrupted, START/ +30SEC. must be pressed to resume cooking.

#### 4. TO START COOKING

- The microwave is automatically set at level 10 (PL10/100%.) Press START/+30SEC. to increase the cooking time; the maximum cooking time is 99 minutes and 99 seconds.
- At 100% power level, with cooking time measured in 30-second increments, press START/ +30SEC. Each press of the button will increase cooking time by 30 seconds. The maximum cooking time is 99 minutes and 99 seconds.

Note: Press START/+30SEC. to increase selected cooking time by 30-second increments. This applies to microwave and Express cooking. However, the operation will not work when defrosting by weight.

#### 5. DEFROSTING BY WEIGHT

- Press DEFROST once to choose the defrost by weight function; screen will display dEF1.
- Press number keys to enter weight to be defrosted. Weight must be between 4 and 100 ounces.
- Press START/+30SEC. to start defrosting; the LED will show the remaining defrosting time.

#### 6. DEFROSTING BY TIME

1. Press DEFROST twice to choose

- the defrost by time function; screen will display dEF2.
- Press number keys to enter defrosting time. The time range is 00:01–99:99.
- Press START/+30SEC. to start defrosting. The LED will show the remaining defrosting time.

#### Notes

- a. If the time entered is not within 00:01–99:99, the setting will not work.
- b. The default microwave power is power level 3. It cannot be changed.

### 7. EXPRESS COOKING Popcorn

- Press POPCORN repeatedly until a preset number of ounces you wish appears in the display. 1.75, 3.0 and 3.5 will be displayed in sequence. For example, press POPCORN once; 1.75 is displayed.
- Press START/+30 SEC. to cook; time counts down.
- When cooking is finished, buzzer sounds five times. 0:00 displays. If the clock has been set, current time will be displayed.

| Times<br>(Press Popcorn) | Weight   | Display |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| Once                     | 1.75 oz. | 1.75    |
| Twice                    | 3.0 oz.  | 3.0     |
| Three times              | 3.5 oz.  | 3.5     |

#### **Potato**

 Press POTATO repeatedly until a preset number of ounces you wish appears in the display; 1, 2, 3 will be displayed in sequence.

Press 1 for 1 potato (approximately 8oz/230g)

Press 2 for 2 potatoes (approximately 1lb/460g)

Press 3 for 3 potatoes (approximately 1½ lb/690g)

- For example, press POTATO once; 1 is displayed.
- 2. Press START/+30 SEC. to cook; time counts down.
- When cooking is finished, buzzer sounds five times. 0:00 displays. If the clock has been set, current time will be displayed.

| Times<br>(Press Potato) | Weight | Display |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| Once                    | 8 oz.  | 1       |
| Twice                   | 1 lb.  | 2       |
| Three times             | 1½ lb. | 3       |

#### Pizza

- Press PIZZA repeatedly until a preset number of ounces you wish appears in the display; 1, 2, 3 will be displayed in sequence.
- 2. Press START/+30 SEC. to cook, time counts down.

For example, press PIZZA twice; 2 appears in the LED.

3. Buzzer sounds five times when cooking is finished.

| Times<br>(Press Pizza) | Weight   | Display |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Once                   | 1 slice  | 1       |
| Twice                  | 2 slices | 2       |
| Three times            | 3 slices | 3       |

#### Beverages

 Press BEVERAGE repeatedly until a preset number of ounces you wish appears in the display;
 2, 3 will be displayed in sequence.

You can reheat 1 to 3 cups of beverage each time (each approximately 8oz/250ml). For example, press BEVERAGE twice; 2 appears in the display.

- 2. Press START/+30 SEC, to cook.
- Buzzer sounds five times when cooking is finished. 0:00 displays. If the clock has been set, current time will be displayed.

#### Soup

 Press SOUP repeatedly until the number you wish appears in the display. 4.0, 8.0,12.0,16.0 will be displayed in sequence.

For example, press SOUP twice; 8.0 appears in the display.

- 2. Press START/+30 SEC. to cook.
- Buzzer sounds five times when cooking is finished. 0:00 displays. If the clock has been set, current time will be displayed.

#### Reheat

- Press REHEAT repeatedly until a preset number of ounces you wish appears in the display; 9.0, 12.0 and 18.0 will be displayed in sequence. For example, press REHEAT twice; 12.0 appears in the display.
- 2. Press START/+30 SEC. to cook. Time counts down.
- Buzzer sounds five times when cooking is finished. 0:00 displays.
   If the clock has been set, current time will be displayed.

| Times (Press Reheat) | Weight  | Display |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Once                 | 9.0 oz  | 9.0     |
| Twice                | 12.0 oz | 12.0    |
| Three times          | 18.0 oz | 18.0    |

#### Fresh Vegetables

- Press FRESH VEGETABLE repeatedly until a preset number of ounces you wish appears in the display; 4.0, 8.0 and 16.0 will be displayed in sequence. For example, press FRESH VEGETABLE twice; 8.0 appears in the display.
- 2. Press START/+30 SEC. to cook. Time counts down.
- Buzzer sounds five times when cooking is finished. 0:00 displays. If the clock has been set, current time will be displayed.

#### Frozen Vegetables

- Press FROZEN VEGETABLE repeatedly until a preset number of ounces you wish appears in the display; 4.0, 8.0 and 16.0 will be displayed in sequence. For example, press FROZEN VEGETABLE twice; 8.0 appears in the display.
- 2. Press START/+30 SEC. to cook. Time counts down.
- Buzzer sounds five times when cooking is finished. 0:00 displays. If the clock has been set, current time will be displayed.

| Times<br>(Press FROZEN<br>VEGETABLE) | Weight  | Display |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Once                                 | 4.0 oz  | 4.0     |
| Twice                                | 8.0 oz  | 8.0     |
| Thrice                               | 16.0 oz | 16.0    |

#### 8. Memory

You can enter up to three cooking procedures, each with one or two stages of cooking, into the oven's memory. They will be numbered 1, 2 and 3, and will be saved for selection at any time, as long as power to the oven is uninterrupted.

To save a procedure in memory:

For example: Set the following procedure as memory 2: Cook at 80% power for 3 minutes 20 seconds.

- 1. Press MEMORY twice; the screen displays 2.
- Press POWER until PL8 displays.
- 3. Press number keys 3, 2, 0 in turn to enter the cooking time.
- 4. Press MEMORY to save the setting. Buzzer sounds once.
- To save a second stage in this procedure, follow instructions
   1–4 above, entering instructions for power and timing for the second stage of cooking.

To operate microwave on a Memory immediately after saving it, press START/+30SEC.

To run a procedure that has been saved previously:

- Press MEMORY until the procedure's number displays (1, 2 or 3). The LED will display the selected number.
- 2. Press START/ +30 SEC. to start cooking.
- Buzzer sounds five times when cooking is finished. 0:00 displays. If the clock has been set, current time will be displayed.

#### Notes

- a. Express cooking cannot be saved as memory.
- b. If oven is unplugged or power is cut off, memory will not be saved and will have to be reset.

#### 9. TO USE THE CHILD LOCK/ UNLOCK FUNCTION

To lock: Press STOP/CLEAR for 3 seconds. There will be a long beep; LED will display \_\_. The control panel will be deactivated. The door will still open and close.

To unlock: Press STOP/CLEAR for 3 seconds. There will be a long beep indicating that the lock is released and the control panel is activated.

#### 10. MULTI-STAGE COOKING

This microwave oven can be set for 2 stages of cooking. If one stage is to defrost, either by weight or time, it will placed at the first stage automatically.

Example: To defrost 20 oz of beef first and then cook it at 80% microwave power for 7 minutes.

- Press DEFROST once to choose defrost by weight function. dEF1 is displayed.
- 2. Press 2, 0 in sequence to set weight.
- 3. Press POWER until PL8 displays.
- Press 7, 0, 0 in sequence to set cooking time.
- 5. Press START/ +30 SEC. to start cooking.

When defrosting is finished, the buzzer sounds once, and the second stage begins.

#### Notes

- a. Express cooking cannot be set as one of the 2 stages.
- You can choose defrosting either by time or weight as the first stage.

#### PRESET EXPRESS COOKING CHART

| Item                        | Weight/Amount | Display | Notes   |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|---|--|
| Popcorn<br>(Use only        | 1.75 ounces   | 1.75    | Place prepackaged bagged popcorn in microwave according to package  |  |
| prepackaged bagged popcorn. | 3.00 ounces   | 3.0     | directions, making sure proper side of bag is up. Pop only one bag at a time.                                       |  |
| Do not pop loose popcorn)   | 3.5 ounces    | 3.5     | Use care when removing from microwave and opening hot bag.  |  |
| Pizza<br>(Use only          | 1 slice       | 1       | Remove from package or wrapping. Place on microwave safe dish or rack.  |  |
| microwave-safe<br>dishes or | 2 slices      | 2       | Place rack or microwave-safe dish on turntable tray.  |  |
| containers)                 | 3 slices      | 3       | Please note the number on the display equals the number of slices.  |  |
| Beverage                    | 8 ounces      | 1       | Reheat beverage in microwave-safe mugs/cups. Do not cover. Place cups in  |  |
|                             | 16 ounces     | 2       | microwave. After heating stir well.   |  |
|                             | 24 ounces     | 3       |   |  |
| Reheat                      | 9.00 oz.      | 9.0     | Place food on microwave-safe plate or in microwave safe bowl. Cover loosely   |  |
|                             | 12.00 oz.     | 12.0    | with wax paper or plastic wrap, or a purchased microwave dish cover.  |  |
|                             | 18.00 oz.     | 18.0    |   |  |
| Baked potato                | 8 ounces      | 1       | Scrub potatoes well. Prick each potato several times with a fork or tip of a  |  |
|                             | 16 ounces     | 2       | sharp knife. After cooking, let stand 3 minutes before serving.   |  |
|                             | 24 ounces     | 3       | Can be used to precook potatoes before placing in traditional oven to crisp skins.                                  |  |
| Fresh<br>vegetables         | ½ cup         | 4.0     | Wash well. Place in a microwave-safe casserole or bowl with lid. Add a small amount of water. Cover. After cooking, |  |
|                             | 1 cup         | 8.0     | let stand for 2 minutes before serving. This is a general cooking time, and may                                     |  |
|                             | 2 cups        | 16.0    | not be suitable for cooking all vegetables.   |  |
| Soup                        | ½ cup         | 4.0     | Use this setting to reheat refrigerated liquids such as soups and sauces. Cover                                     |  |
|                             | 1 cup         | 8.0     | with microwave safe-lid. After cooking let stand for 2-3 minutes.   |  |
|                             | 1½ cups       | 12.0    | let Stand for 2-3 minutes.  |  |
|                             | 2 cups        | 16.0    |   |  |
| Frozen<br>vegetables        | ½ cup         | 4.0     | Remove from packaging and place in microwave-safe casserole or bowl. Add  |  |
|                             | 1 cup         | 8.0     | a small amount of liquid (2 to 4 tablespoons). Cover and cook. Stir and   |  |
|                             | 2 cups        | 16.0    | let stand. Add more cooking times as needed.  |  |

#### **TROUBLESHOOTING**

| TROUBLE               | POSSIBLE CAUSE  | POSSIBLE REMEDY  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Oven will not start   | <ul><li>a. Electrical cord for oven is not plugged in.</li><li>b. Door is open.</li><li>c. Wrong operation is set.</li></ul>  | <ul><li>a. Plug into the outlet.</li><li>b. Close the door and try again.</li><li>c. Check instructions.</li></ul>   |
| Arcing or sparking    | <ul><li>a. Materials to be avoided in microwave oven were used.</li><li>b. The oven was operated when empty.</li><li>c. Spilled food remained in the interior.</li></ul>                                | a. Use microwave-safe cookware only.      b. Do not operate with oven empty.     c. Clean interior with wet towel or microfiber cloth specifically for stainless steel.  |
| Unevenly cooked foods | a. Materials to be avoided in microwave oven were used.     b. Food was not defrosted completely.     c. Cooking time and/or power level were not suitable.     d. Food was not turned or stirred.      | a. Use microwave-safe cookware only. b. Completely defrost food. c. Use correct cooking time and/or power level. d. Turn or stir food.   |
| Overcooked food       | Cooking time and/or power level were not suitable.  | Use correct cooking time and/or power level.   |
| Undercooked foods     | a. Materials to be avoided in microwave oven were used.     b. Food was not defrosted completely.     c. Oven ventilation ports were blocked.     d. Cooking time and/or power level were not suitable. | <ul> <li>a. Use microwave safe cookware only.</li> <li>b. Completely defrost food.</li> <li>c. Check to see that oven ventilation ports are not blocked.</li> <li>d. Use correct cooking time and/or power level.</li> </ul> |
| Improper defrosting   | a. Materials to be avoided in microwave were used.      b. Cooking time and/or power level were not suitable.      c. Food was not turned or stirred.   | <ul><li>a. Use microwave-safe cookware only.</li><li>b. Use correct cooking time and/or power level.</li><li>c. Turn or stir food.</li></ul>   |

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## Creamy Rice Pudding with Raisins

Old-fashioned rice pudding in minutes instead of hours.

Makes 4 cups

| tablespoon pure vanilla extract | Į.  |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| large eggs, beaten              | 3   |
| nse whole milk)                 |     |
| (for creamier, richer pudding,  |     |
| cups reduced fat milk           | %Z  |
| teaspoon salt                   | 8/1 |
| teaspoon ground cinnamon        | 3/2 |
| tablespoon cornstarch           | Į.  |
| cnb dranulated sugar            | ٤/١ |
| cup regular or golden raisins   | 5/3 |
| cups cooked short grain rice*   | 3   |
|                                 |     |

Place rice and raisins in a 1½-quart microwave-safe casserole or bowl. Stir and reserve.

Combine sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, and salt in a mixing bowl; atir to blend. Whisk milk and egg together. While Whisk milk and egg together. While dry mixture, whisk well until smooth. Pour mixture into a microwave safe bowl and place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) for 7 to 8 minutes, stirring once every minute, until mixture is thick, bubbly and similar to a custard sauce in appearance. Stir in vanilla. Add to rice mixture and stir well.

Cover the casserole with waxed paper and microwave on high for 3 minutes, then on medium-high (PL 7) for 2 to 3 minutes longer, until thick and creamy. Let atand 5 minutes before serving, or cover with a sheet of waxed paper or plastic wrap placed directly on the pudding to prevent a skin from forming, let cool, cover and retrigerate until ready to serve

\*Short grain rice will yield a creamier rice pudding.

Nutritional information per serving (one-half cup): Calories 224 (16% from fat) • carb. 40g • pro. 7g • fat 4g • sat. fat 2g • chol. 86mg • sod. 104mg • calc. 127mg • fiber 2g

Spoon into a prepared 9-inch cookie crumb crust, chill and serve as a pie.

Nutritional information per serving (one-half cup):
Calories 331 (58% from fat) • carb. 33g • pro. 2g
• fat 22g • sat. fat 12g • chol. 43mg • sod. 200mg
• calc. 62mg • fiber 5g

#### Cranberry Poached Pears

Makes 4 servings

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cup cranraspberry or cranberry juice

cup dried cranberries

cup dried cranberries

strips lemon zest

conspany 3 x 16 inspect

(each about 2-x-½ inches), bitter white pith removed 2 pears (about 8 ounces each), ripe but still firm

Combine juice, dried cranberries and zest in a microwave-safe 1½-quart casserole and cover with a sheet of waxed paper or casserole lid. Place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and

tablespoon fresh lemon juice

microwave on high (PL 10) for 3 minutes.

Peel the pears, cut in half and core. Brush with lemon juice. Arrange the pears with the narrow stem ends to the center in the hot liquid, cut side down. Spoon some of the liquid over each. Cover with waxed paper or lid and microwave on high for 3 minutes. Turn cut side up, cover and microwave on high for 1½ minutes. Let pastring now and then. Remove and discard lemon zeat. When cool, remove pears. If lemon zeat. When cool, remove pears. If syrup by microwaving uncovered on high for 4 syrup by microwaving uncovered on high for 4 to 5 minutes until reduced to about 2 table-

Pears can be served at room temperature or chilled. Arrange pear halves on dessert plates, spoon cranberries into the hollow of the pear. Top with syrup if made and freshly whipped cream or vanilla yogurt.

Nutritional information per serving:
Calories 129 (3% from fat) • carb. 33g • pro. 0g
• fat 1g • sat. fat 0g • chol. 0mg • sod. 1mg
• calc. 17mg • fiber 3g

high (PL 7) for 7 to 8 minutes. Stir and microwave on medium-high again for 2 minutes. Repeat – stir and microwave for an additional 2 minutes, until thick and smooth like mayonnaise. Do not boil or the mixture will curdle. When thick, whisk again until amooth. Ladle into sterilized jars and let come to room teminto sterilized jars and let come to room temperature. Cover and refrigerate.

Nutritional information per serving (2 tablespoons): Calones 146 (51% from fat) • carb. 17g • pro. 1g • fat 9g • sat. fat 5g • chol. 56mg • sod. 12mg

calc. 8mg
 fiber 0g

#### Chocolate Mousse

Microwaving is a simple way to melt chocolate.

Makes 4 cups

| cup heavy cream, chilled      | Į.   |
|-------------------------------|------|
| teaspoon pure vanilla extract | ŀ    |
| bowqer                        |      |
| teaspoon instant espresso     | L    |
| cut into 1/2-inch pieces      |      |
| onuce nusweetened chocolate   | ŀ    |
| chocolate                     |      |
| morsels or chopped semiswee   |      |
| ounces semisweet chocolate    | 8    |
| cups miniature marshmallows   | 51/5 |
| cup reduced fat milk          | L    |
|                               | -    |

Combine milk, marshmallows, and both chocolates in a 1½-quart microwave-safe bowl. Place in Cusinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) for 2 minutes. Stir well with a whisk. Continue to microwave on high for with a whisk. Continue to microwave on high for until the chocolate at mixture is amooth and homogenous. Add espresso powder and vanilla, homogenous. Add espresso powder and vanilla, the chocolate mixture is amooth and the mixture is amooth and the mixture is amooth and the mixture to come to room temperthe chocolate mixture to come to room temperature before continuing.

When chocolate mixture has cooled completely to room temperature, whip cream until it just holds stiff peaks. Stir about one fourth of the whipped cream into the chocolate mixture to lighten it. Then, gently fold the remaining cream into the chocolate mixture. Spoon into 5-ounce ramekins or stemmed glasses. Cover and chill for at least 6 hours. Remove from refrigerator for at least 6 hours. Remove from refrigerator The minutes before serving for best flavor.

Serving suggestions: If desired, may be garnished with freshly whipped cream or chocolate shavings.

#### Applesauce

Makes about 21/2 cups

4 apples (about 8 ounces each)\*
2½ tablespoons water, apple cider,
apple juice or cranberry juice
(only if using water)
4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
pinch of allspice
pinch of nutmeg

Peel, core, and cut apples into eighths. Place in a 11½-quart microwave-safe caseerole or bowl.

Toss with liquid in recipe. Cover with casserole lid or plate and place in the Cuisinart<sup>®</sup> Compact Microwave. Microwave on high (PL 10) for 15 to 18 minutes, stirring apples after 10 minutes of cooking, until apples are tender and can be mashed with a fork. Mash or puriee to desired texture using a potato masher or hand blender. Add spices. Serve warm or let cool, cover and rethigerate. Keeps about 1 week in the retrigerator.

Nutritional information per serving:
Calories 102 (6% from fat) • carb. 26g • pro. 1g
• fat 1g • sat. fat 0g • chol. 0mg • sod. 2mg
• calc. 9mg • fiber 5g

#### Lemon Curd

Lemon curd is very good with scones, gingerbread, or pound cake. It can also be used to fill tartlets or meringues.

Makes about 3 cups

cup unsalted butter,
cut into 16 pieces

cups granulated sugar

zest of 4 lemons

cup fresh lemon juice

large eggs

Place butter in a 4-cup microwave-safe meauring cup or bowl and cover with waxed paper. Place in the Cuisinart<sup>®</sup> Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) to melt, about 11½ minutes. Stir in the sugar, lemon sest, and lemon juice. Cover with waxed paper and microwave for 4 to 4½ minutes, stirring after 2, and 4 minutes of cooking, until sugar is completely dissolved.

In a 1½-quart microwave-safe measuring cup or bowl with handle, beat eggs until frothy. While whisking the eggs, whisking constantly. Cover mixture to the eggs, whisking constantly. Cover with waxed paper and microwave on medium-

## Strawberry Pomegranate

Making jam in the microwave couldn't be simpler, and the result here is this delightful ruby red jam.

Makes about 1% cups

| 7    | tablespoons pomegranate juice    |
|------|----------------------------------|
|      | low sugar recipes                |
| 1√ε  | ounce powdered fruit pectin for  |
|      | endar                            |
| \$∕ε | cnb bins 1 tablespoon granulated |
|      | and quartered                    |
| L    | pound strawberries, stemmed      |
|      |                                  |

Place all ingredients in a 11/2-quart microwavesafe bowl or casserole that is at least 4 inches deep. Stir to combine. Cover loosely with a sheet of waxed paper cut just slightly larger than the bowl/casserole.

Place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) for 5 minutes. Stir using a heatproof spatula or wooden spoon; be sure to scrape the bottom of the bowl. Microwave uncovered on high for 5 minutes. Stir well. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 2 minutes. Stir well. Microwave on high for 2 more minutes and sully be boiling. Remove trom Microwave and carefully skim off and disfrom Microwave and carefully skim off and disform Microwave and carefully skim off and disform Microwave and carefully skim off and disform Microwave and carefully skim off and under before using – jam will thicken as it cools. Transfer to confainers with non-metallic covers and refrigerate. Keeps about 10 days in the sand refrigerate.

Nutritional information per serving (2 tablespoons):
Calories 65 (0% from fat) • carb. 17g • pro. 0g
• fat 0g • sat. fat 0g • chol. 0mg • sod. 4mg
• calc. 5mg • fiber 1g

#### Cheddar Cheese Sauce

Delicious served over microwaved broccoli and cauliflower.

Makes 1 cup

|     | Cheddar*                        |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| ∜ε  | cnb (3 onuces) syredded sharp   |
|     | sauce to taste                  |
|     | dash Tabasco® or other hot      |
| ₺/⊾ | teaspoon dry mustard            |
| ₺/⊾ | teaspoon kosher salt            |
|     | bose flour                      |
| 2   | tablespoons unbleached all-pur- |
| 2   | tablespoons unsalted butter     |
| L   | cnb reduced tat milk            |

Place milk in a 1-cup glass measuring cup or other microwave-safe cup and place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave. Microwave for 1% minutes on high (PL 10); reserve.

Place butter in a 4 -cup glass measuring cup or other deep 4-cup microwave-safe bowl with a handle. Cover with a sheet of waxed paper and microwave for 1 minute on high or until amooth. Add flour and aftr with a whisk until smooth. Microwave on high for 2 minutes until foamy, after 1½ minutes of cooking. Add warm milk, and the sauce on medium-high, uncovered for 3 minutes, atirring after 1 minutes, and then every 45 seconds, until the sauce boils and thickens. At this point, you have a medium and then every 45 seconds, until the sauce boils and thickens. At this point, you have a medium white sauce.

Add cheese and stir until smooth. Microwave, uncovered, on medium-high (PL  $\Upsilon$ ) for 3 minutes, whisking after 1 minute, after 2 minutes, and again when done. Serve hot.

If not using immediately, cover with a round of waxed paper directly on the sauce to prevent a skin from forming. To reheat after standing for a short time (10 to 15 minutes), microwave on medium (PL 5) for 11½ minutes, attiming after 45 seconds.

\*May use grated Reggiano Parmigiano or Asiago in place of Cheddar.

Nutritional information per serving (2 tablespoons):
Calories 90 (69% from fat) • carb. 3g • pro. 4g
• fat 7g • sat. fat 4g • chol. 21mg • sod. 126mg
• calc. 114mg • fiber 0g

\*leraeli couscous is a semolina pasta about the size of a peppercorn. It can be found in many well-stocked grocery stores with international food sections, or in specialty grocery stores.

#### Simple Hollandaise

Sauces with egg emulsions can be daunting – making this one in your microwave makes it quick and easy. Serve with fish, vegetables or to make Eggs Benedict.

Makes about 1 cup

| teaspoon dry mustard          | ₺/เ |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| teaspoon kosher salt          | 1/5 |
| tablespoon water              | Į.  |
| tablespoons fresh lemon juice | 7   |
| large egg yolks               | 3   |
| cut into 1/2-inch slices      |     |
| cnb nusalted butter,          | 3/1 |
|                               |     |

Place butter in a microwave-safe 1-cup measure. Cover with waxed paper and place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) to melt, about 1 minute. Let cool slightly, about 4 to 5 minutes.

Place egg yolks, lemon juice, water, salt and dry mustard in a microwave-safe 4-cup measure or bowl with handle. Whisk until emulsified and smooth. Whisk in melted, cooled butter; whisk until completely emulsified.

Cook sauce uncovered for 2 minutes on medium-high (PL 7), stopping to whisk briskly every 20 seconds. The mixture will begin to thicken at the edges and resemble a soft custard. Cook until mixture thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon. Serve warm with seafood, vegetables, or eggs.

If not serving immediately, cover with a round of waxed paper placed directly on the sauce to prevent a skin from forming. To reheat, remove waxed paper. Microwave on medium-low (PL 3) for 2 minutes, stirring with a whisk after 1 minute of cooking, and again when cooking is completed.

Nutritional information per serving (2 tablespoons):
Calories 125 (95% from fat) • carb. 0g • pro. 1g
• fat 13g • sat. fat 8g • chol. 111mg • sod. 88mg
• calc. 12mg • fiber 0g

## Israeli Couscous Pilat with Cranberries, Golden Raisins and Pine Muts

This side dish is wonderful served on its own, or can be used to stuff the steamed halves of acorn squash.

Makes about 3 cups (six 1/2-cup servings)

| (obțiousi garnish)                 |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| julienned fresh sage leaves        |      |
| ļsəz                               |      |
| teaspoon chopped fresh orange      | Į.   |
| bsızley                            |      |
| tablespoon chopped fresh           | 2    |
| teaspoon freshly ground pepper     | ₺/⊾  |
| teaspoon kosher salt               | \$∕€ |
| cup golden raisins                 | 1/3  |
| cup dried cranberries, divided     | 5/3  |
| cnb water                          | Į.   |
| vegetable broth/stock              |      |
| cup low sodium chicken or          | Į.   |
| cup laraeli couscous*              | Į.   |
| teaspoon herbes de Provence        | \$∕€ |
| garlic clove, peeled and chopped   | Į.   |
| cnb cyobbed shallot                | ₺/ኒ  |
| tablespoons extra virgin olive oil | 41/5 |
| cup pine nuts                      | ٤/١  |

Spread pine nuts in a microwave-safe dish and place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave. Microwave for 11½ to 2 minutes on high (PL 10), astirring every 30 seconds until they are toasted to taste. Reserve.

nish. Serve hot. sprinkle with julienned fresh sage leaves to garcranberries, parsley and orange zest. If desired, reserved toasted pine nuts, remaining dried couscous is tender. Let stand 2 minutes. Stir in minutes, until all the liquid is absorbed and Microwave on medium-high (PL 7) for 8 to 9 ries, all the raisins, salt and pepper; cover. high for 5 minutes. Stir in half the dried cranberstir. Cover with a lid or plate and microwave on high for 1 minute. Add broth/stock and water; Cover with waxed paper and microwave on in couscous and spread into an even layer. paper and microwave on high for 1 minute. Stir (PL 10) for 2 minutes. Stir, re-cover with waxed sheet of waxed paper and microwave on high role or bowl. Stir to combine. Cover with a Provence in a 11/2-quart microwave-safe casse-Place olive oil, shallot, garlic, and herbes de

Nutritional information per serving:
Calones 191 (35% from fat) • carb. 28g • pro. 4g
• fat 8g • sat. fat 1g • chol. 0mg • sod. 251mg
• calc. 17mg • fiber 2g

Note: If desired, add 2 hard cooked eggs that have been roughly chopped and/or % to % cup chopped pickles (dill or sweet, to taste).

#### Risotto with Peas

Making risotto in the microwave has 2 distinct advantages – no constant stirring, and it is prepared in the serving dish.

Makes 4 to 6 servings as a side dish, or 2 to 3 servings as an entrée

|                                  | . , , | _          |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Parmigiano                       |       |            |
| cup freshly grated Reggiano      | ۶,    | <b>/</b> i |
| teaspoon kosher salt             | 3     | 'n         |
| dry white wine                   |       |            |
| cup dry white vermouth or other  | ε,    | <b>/</b> i |
| cup Arborio rice                 |       | Ļ          |
| cup finely chopped shallot       | 3,    | 'n         |
| into eight ½-inch pieces         |       |            |
| tablespoons unsalted butter, cut |       | 2          |
| cups low sodium chicken broth    | 7     | 7          |
| teaspoon saffron threads         | . 17  | /i         |
| cnb wafer                        |       | Ļ          |
| cub trozen peas                  |       | Ļ          |
|                                  |       |            |

Defrost peas in microwave. Do not cook. Transfer to a strainer and let drain.

Place water in a 2-cup measure and place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and heat to boiling, about 3 minutes on high (PL 10). Add saffron threads and stir; reserve. Heat chicken broth in a 2-cup glass measure for 5 minutes on high; reserve.

for 3 minutes. Stir again. Serve hot. Microwave on high for 1 minute. Let stand reserved peas and the grated cheese. microwave on high for 5 minutes. Stir in utes. Stir in remaining chicken stock and salt; ed chicken stock. Microwave on high for 5 minminutes. Stir. Stir in 1 cup of the reserved heatsaffron-infused water; microwave on high for 5 wine; microwave on high for 1 minute. Stir in layer; microwave on high for 2 minutes. Stir in high for 2 minutes. Stir and arrange in an even stir to coat with melted butter; microwave on on high for 3 minutes. Stir. Add Arborio rice and larger than the diameter of the dish. Microwave with a round of waxed paper cut just slightly least 4 inches high. Add chopped shallot, cover 11/2-quart round microwave-safe casserole at Heat the butter for 30 seconds on high in a

Nutritional information per serving

(based on 6 servings):
Calories 146 (33% from fat) • carb. 15g • pro. 7g
• fat 5g • sat. fat 3g • chol. 15mg • sod. 228mg
• calc. 71mg • fiber 1g

Nutritional information per serving (prepared without optional bacon): Calories 289 (23% from fat) • carb. 45g • pro. 13g • fat 8g • sat. fat 2g • chol. 22mg • sod. 142mg • tat 8g • sat. fat 2g • chol. 22mg

#### Potato Salad

Cooking your potatoes in the microwave for the summertime favorite keeps the kitchen cool – and no pot to wash!

Makes 3 cups potato salad

|     | white, red or green)             |
|-----|----------------------------------|
| ⊅/L | cnb cyobbed onion (may use       |
| 1/5 | cup thinly sliced celery         |
|     | balsamic vinegar                 |
| Į.  | tablespoon rice vinegar or white |
|     | bebbek                           |
| ₺/∟ | teaspoon freshly ground black    |
| 1/5 | teaspoon kosher salt             |
|     | (dry; double if using fresh)     |
| Į.  | teaspoon dill weed or tarragon   |
| 3/5 | tablespoon Dijon-style mustard   |
| ₺/⊾ | cup lowfat sour cream            |
| 3/5 | cup lowfat mayonnaise            |
|     | scrubbed well and dried          |
| ŀ   | pound russet baking potatoes,    |
|     |                                  |

Prick each potato in several places with a fork or the tip of a paring knife. Place 2 paper towels or the tip of a paring knife. Place 2 paper towels Microwave and arrange the potatoes in a circle toward the edge of the turntable. Microwave on high (PL 10) for 12 minutes. Let stand 3 minutes. Test for doneness; add 2 to 3 minutes more cooking time if needed. Let potatoes cool more cooking time if needed. Let potatoes cool for 5 to 10 minutes.

While potatoes are "baking", combine the mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard, dill/tarragon, salt, and pepper in a small bowl. Stir with a whisk to blend.

Peel warm potatoes and discard skins. Cut the potatoes into bite-sized pleces. Place in a large bowl and sprinkle with vinegar while potatoes are still warm. Add celery and onions; stir gently. Add mayonnaise mixture to potatoes. Toss gently to combine and coat potatoes. Taste and saljust seasoning accordingly. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Nutritional information per serving (one-half cup):
Calones 163 (30% from fat) • carb. 26g • pro. 3g
• fat 5g • sat. fat 1g • chol. 10mg • sod. 257mg
• calc. 33mg • fiber 2g

### Broccoli and Cheddar Stuffed Potatoes

Twice baked potatoes in minutes.

Makes 4 servings as a side dish

|      | crumbled (optional)               |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 2    | slices crispy microwaved bacon,   |
|      | ok pjack bebbek                   |
| ₺/∟  | teaspoon freshly ground white     |
| 3/5  | teaspoon kosher salt              |
|      | shredded sharp Cheddar, divided   |
| 1/ε  | cup (about 3 ounces) light        |
| 3    | tablespoons lowfat milk           |
|      | or plain yogurt                   |
| 3    | tablespoons lowfat sour cream     |
|      | onion (include some of the green) |
| 2    | tablespoons chopped green         |
| 2    | teaspoons unsalted butter         |
| 2    | tablespoons water                 |
|      | pieces)                           |
|      | flowerets cut to bite-sized       |
|      | (stems cut to 1/2-inch pieces,    |
| 3/₁1 | cups chopped fresh broccoli       |
| 2    | medium russet potatoes            |
|      |                                   |

Scrub the potatoes well and dry them. Prick with a fork. Place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on the potato setting for 2 potatoes. Remove from microwave, wrap in aluminum and let stand 10 minutes.

Place the broccoli and water in a shallow microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plate or lid and microwave for 1 serving on fresh vegetable setting. Remove from microwave, uncover and drain.

Slice potatoes in half horizontally. Scoop the cooked potato flesh into a medium bowl, leaving ¼-inch-rhick potato shell; reserve shells. Ing ¼-inch-rhick potato shell; reserve shells and chopped green onions to potatose in bowl and mash well. Choose about 16 pieces of the broccoli flowerets and reserve. Stir in remaining cooked broccoli, ½ cup of the cheese, salt, and pepper. Spoon the potato mixture into shells. Arrange about 4 flowerets decoratively on each potato.

Place the potatoes in a circle on a microwave safe plate. Cover with a microwave safe paper town or waxed paper. Microwave on high cheese. Potatoes can be served at this point, or returned to the microwave for another 11% or returned to the microwave for another 11% winnutes on high to melt cheese. If desired, sprin-kle with crumbled crispy bacon bits. Serve hot.

## Smashed Potatoes and Cauliflower with Garlic

Cauliflower is substituted for some of the potatoes to lighten up this side dish. The best thing is no need to drain the potatoes and cauliflower, making them even easier to prepare.

Makes about 2½ cups

|      | bebber                             |
|------|------------------------------------|
|      | pinch freshly ground white         |
| ₺/⊾  | teaspoon kosher salt               |
|      | cut into 1/2-inch pieces           |
| 2    | tablespoons unsalted butter,       |
|      | milk or half-and-half              |
| ٤/ړ  | cnb blus 1 tablespoon whole        |
|      | chicken broth or water             |
| ₺/ኒ  | cup low sodium vegetable broth,    |
|      | sliced                             |
| 2    | garlic cloves, peeled and thinly   |
|      | 1-inch flowerets, then cut in half |
| 1/5  | pound cauliflower, separated into  |
|      | peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes      |
| 1⁄⁄ε | bonuqa Xukon Gold potatoes,        |

Place the potatoes, cauliflower, garlic, and broth/water in a 1½-quart microwave-safe casbrooth/water in a 1½-quart microwave-safe caserole/bowl that is at least 4 inches deep. Cover tightly with lid or a plate and place in the high (PL 10) for 10 minutes. Stir. Microwave on high (PL 10) for 10 minutes. Stir. Microwave on high for 8 minutes. Remove and let stand for 2 to 3 minutes.

Place milk and butter in a 2-cup glass measure or bowl. Microwave on high for 2 minutes, until milk is hot and butter is completely melted.

Pour over potato/cauliflower mixture. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Use a potato masher or hand masher to washer to with salt and pepper. Use a potato masher or to desired consistency. If a smoother texture is to desired consistency. If a smoother texture is desired, use a food mill. Serve hot.

Nutritional information per serving (one-half cup, made with milk): Calories 124 (39% from fat) • carb. 17g • pro. 3g • fat 5g • sat. fat 3g • chol. 15mg • sod. 179mg • fat 5g • sat. fat 3g • chol. 15mg • sod. 179mg

#### Green Beans with Mushrooms and Toasted shnomlA

Makes 4 servings

| b/  | teaspoon kosher salt                |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 7/2 | cnb water                           |
|     | slices                              |
|     | drained and cut into 1 to 11/4-inch |
| ı   | pound green beans, rinsed,          |
|     | ұулыс                               |
| 7/2 | teaspoon herbes de Provence or      |
|     | mushrooms, cleaned and sliced       |
| t   | ounces white button or cremini      |
| 7/2 | tablespoon extra virgin olive oil   |
| 7/2 | tablespoon unsalted butter          |
| 8   | tablespoons slivered almonds        |
|     |                                     |

Place the almonds in a microwave safe glass or ceramic 9-inch pie plate and place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave. Microwave on high (PL 10) for 2 minutes, stirring after every 30 seconds of cooking, to toast. Remove, transfer to a small bowl and reserve.

Freshly ground pepper to taste

Using same pie plate, melt butter with olive oil, 20 seconds on high. Add sliced mushrooms to splate and toses to cost with butter and olive oil. Sprinkle with herbes de Provence. Microwave uncovered for 5 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking time, reserve.

Place green beans and water in a 11%-quart microwaveable bowl or casserole with lid. Microwave for 8 to 10 minutes on high, stirring after 5 minutes of cooking, until beans are done to taste.

Drain beans. Stir in the cooked mushrooms, top with toasted almonds and serve hot.

Nutritional information per serving:
Calories 101 (46% from fat) • carb. 12g • pro. 3g
• fat. 6g • sat. fat 1g • chol. 4mg • sod. 88mg
• calc. 70mg • fiber 5g

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| 75 |
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Place all ingredients in small bowl and stir with whisk until smooth. Let stand for 30 minutes before serving to allow flavors to blend. If not serving following resting, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Nutritional information per serving (about % cup):
Calories 70 (53% from fat) • carb. 59 • pro. 39
• fat 4g • sat. fat 1g • chol. 3mg • sod. 210mg
• calc. 121mg • fiber 0g

#### Honey Ginger Glazed Baby Carrots

Using the prepared carrots makes this a quick and easy side dish that is ready in just minutes.

Makes 4 servings

| freshly ground pepper to taste |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| teaspoon kosher salt           | 1/5 |
| teaspoon Dijon-style mustard   | 1/5 |
| teaspoon ground ginger         | ı.  |
| tablespoon fresh lemon juice   | 1/5 |
| tablespoon honey               | l.  |
| tablespoon unsalted butter     | l.  |
| tablespoons water              | 3   |
| pound baby cut carrots         | ŀ   |
|                                |     |

Place carrots and water in a 1½-quart microwave-safe dish and cover. Place in Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) for 6 to 8 minutes or until crisp tender, stirring after 4 minutes of cooking. Leave covered and let stand for 2 to 3 minutes.

While carrots stand, place butter, honey, lemon juice, ginger, mustard, salt, and pepper in a 1-cup microwaveable measuring cup. Microwave, covered with a sheet of waxed paper, on high hore 45 seconds. Drain carrots. Pour the honey sauce over the carrots and stir to coat. If desired, microwave for an additional minute on high. Serve hot.

Nutritional information per serving:
Calories 67 (33% from fat) • carb. 12g • pro. 1g
• fat 3g • sat. fat 2g • chol. 8mg • sod. 313mg
• fat 3g • sat. fat 2g • chol. 8mg • sod. 313mg

#### Artichokes with Tangy Lemon Herb Sauce

Makes 2 servings

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|     | about 8 ounces each               |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 7   | globe artichokes,                 |
| 3/5 | tablespoon extra virgin olive oil |
| 7   | tablespoons chopped shallot       |
| ŀ   | garlic clove, peeled and sliced   |
| Į.  | slice lemon                       |
| ŀ   | cnb wafer                         |
|     | recipe follows                    |
|     | Tangy Lemon Herb Sauce,           |
|     | <del>_</del> _                    |

Place water, lemon slice, garlic, shallot, and olive oil in a 1½ quart microwave-safe casserole with lid.

Wash the artichokes under cold water. Pull off lower outer leaves/petals and discard. Trim stem ends so that artichokes will sit upright. Cut off top inch of artichoke and use kitchen snips-shears to trim sharp tips of leaves. Rub all cut surfaces immediately after cutting with elemon half to prevent discoloration. Place on sides in seasoned water in casserole and cover with a sheet of waxed paper, then the lid. Place microwave on high (PL 10) for 8 minutes. Turn artichokes over, re-cover and microwave on high for 8 minutes. Turn bright for 8 minutes longer. Stand artichokes upper and shiph for 8 minutes on high for 8 minutes longer. Brand artichokes minutes before serving.

Serve cooked artichokes with Tangy Lemon Herb Sauce or other favorite dipping sauce.

Nutritional information per serving (one artichoke):
Calories 121 (6% from fat) • carb. 26g • pro. 8g
• fat 1g • sat. fat 0g • chol. 0mg • sod. 216mg
• tat 1g • sat. fat 0g • chol. 2g

#### Tangy Lemon Herb Sauce

Tangy Lemon Herb Sauce also makes a good sauce to serve with fish cooked in your Cuisinart Microwave.

Makes about 1/2 cup

cup plain lowfat yogurt

tablespoons chopped parsley

garlic clove, peeled and finely
chopped

chopped

tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

#### Maple Glazed Acorn Squash

Since acorn squash takes about an hour to prepare in a conventional oven, microwave cooked squash is quite a timesaver, and almost turns it into "fast food."

Makes 2 servings

|     | freshly ground pepper to taste |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| ₺/レ | teaspoon ground cinnamon       |
| 1/5 | teaspoon low sodium soy sauce  |
| 2   | tablespoons maple syrup        |
| ŀ   | teaspoon unsalted butter       |
| ₺/เ | cnb wafer                      |
|     | րթվեր»՝ washed շ// Ի           |
| L   | acorn squash (about 11/4 to    |

Cut acquash in half and remove seeds and fibers. Place cut side down in a microwaveable pie plate, souffle or other dish that will hold the squash in a single layer. Add water and cover dish tightly with a lid, plate or microwave-aste plastic wrap. Place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) for about 8 to 12 minutes, until the squash is tendour when tested with a sharp knife. Let stand der when tested with a sharp knife. Let stand for 3 minutes.

While squash is cooking, combine maple syrup, soy sauce, cinnamon, and freshly ground pepper to faste. When squash is fender, turn over. Place ½ teapoon butter in the cavity of each squash half. Divide maple syrup mixture evenly to brush over the squash. Return to the microwave sand microwave for 1 minute on mediumhigh (PL 7). Serve hot.

Nutritional information per serving:
Calories 234 (8% from fat) • carb. 56g • pro. 4g
• fat 2g • sat. fat 1g • chol. 5mg • sod. 69mg
• calc. 164mg • fiber 10g

Pip: Prepare acorn squash, but do not glaze. Prepare Israell Couscous Pilat with Cranbernies, Golden Raisins and Pine Nuts (p. 20) and use as atuffing for equash. Both can be prepared shead and reheated in your microwave or a conventional oven.

#### Pesto Chicken Salad

Pesto Chicken Salad makes delicious sandwiches. Use this method to poach chicken for any recipe requiring cooked chicken.

Makes 6 servings

| cnb bkebsked besto            | ₺/⊾ |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| cup light mayonnaise          | 5/3 |
| cnb cyobbed onion             | 1/3 |
| cup thinly sliced celery      | 1/5 |
| about 6 ounces each           |     |
| preast halves,                |     |
| poneless, skinless chicken    | Þ   |
| shallot, peeled and chopped   | Į.  |
| cups low sodium chicken broth | 2   |
|                               |     |

Place chicken broth and shallot in a microwavesafe baking dish or glass casserole and cover with lid or waxed paper. Place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on high chicken, cover and microwave on medium-high chicken, cover and microwave on medium-high (PL 7) for 4 minutes. Turn chicken and cook, covered, on medium-high for 4 to 5 minutes covered, on medium-high for 4 to 5 minutes longer. Let chicken cool in cooking liquid.

Place celery, onion, mayonnaise and pesto in a medium bowl and stir to combine. When chicken has cooled completely, dice. Add to mayonnaise mixture and toss gently to blend. Cover and chill.

Serving suggestions:

Line individual plates with lettuce or spinach, and garnish with tomato, cucumber or other vegetables of choice. Pesto Chicken Salad may also be used for sandwiches.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories 289 (46% from fat) • carb. 4g • pro. 34g • fat 15g • sat. fat 3g • chol. 99mg • sod. 283mg • calc. 50mg • fiber 0g

#### Salmon with Julienned Vegetables

Makes 2 servings

| 2   | 6-ounce pieces salmon fillet*       |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Ļ   | teaspoon kosher salt, divided       |
|     | lemon zest                          |
| ا/ح | teaspoon finely chopped fresh       |
| 3/1 | teaspoons dry basil, divided        |
|     | bəbivib                             |
| 3/1 | tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, |
| 3/₁ | cup julienned plum tomato           |
| ا/ع | cup julienned shallot               |
| Į.  | cup julienned red potato            |
| Į.  | cup julienned fennel bulb           |
| ₹/1 | cup julienned carrots               |
|     |                                     |

Place the carrots, fennel, potato, shallot, and tomato in a medium bowl with 1 tablespoon of the basil, the lemon zest, and % teaspoon of the basil, the lemon safe piet and of each and of waxed with a round of waxed safe pie plate and cover with a round of waxed paper. Place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) for 4 minutes. Add julienned squashes, stir and recover. Microwave on high for 3 minutes longer – wegetables should be not quite cooked.

Arrange salmon fillets over the vegetables. Dirzzle with the remaining olive oil, and sprinkle with the remaining basil and salt. Cover with the round of waxed paper. Microwave on high for 7 to 9 minutes – until salmon is flaky – timing will depend on thickness of fish, and its temperature. Let stand for 2 to 3 minutes before serving. Serve hot. If desired, garnish with a wedge ing. Serve hot. If desired, garnish with a wedge of lemon and fronds from the fearnel bulb.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories 477 (40% from fat) • carb. 34g • pro. 38g • fat 22g • sat. fat 3g • chol. 94mg • sod. 804mg • calc. 106mg • fiber 4g

\*It is important that they be of a similar and equal thickness – if they are not evenly thick, fold the thin portion under to make them equal.

#### Spicy Cajun BBQ Shrimp

Serve with crusty French bread and lots of napkins.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

| teaspoon kosher salt               | 3/2     |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| teaspoon thyme                     | 3/5     |
| teaspoon rosemary                  | 3/5     |
| teaspoon oregano                   | 3/2     |
| lised nooqseəf                     | 3/2     |
| faste                              |         |
| teaspoon cayenne pepper, to        | 1/2-3/4 |
| bebbek                             |         |
| teaspoon freshly ground black      | ŀ       |
| large bay leaf                     | Į.      |
| cloves garlic, finely minced       | 2       |
| tablespoon Worcestershire sauce    | ŀ       |
| tablespoon soy sauce               | Į.      |
| cup fresh lemon juice              | ₺/⊾     |
| cup beer, at room temperature      | ٤/١     |
| tablespoons extra virgin olive oil | 9       |
| into 6 pieces                      |         |
| tablespoons unsalted butter, cut   | 9       |
| shrimp, in shells                  |         |
| pounds medium (28-35 count)        | Z/₁-L   |
|                                    |         |

Rinse and drain shrimp, pat dry and reserve.

Place the remaining ingredients in a 1½-quart microwave-safe round casserole or bowl that is about 4 inches deep. Place in the Cuisinat® Compact Microwave on high (PL 10) for 2½ minutes. Stir. Microwave on medium-high for 4 minutes. Stir. Microwave again on medium-high for 4 minutes. Stir. Microwave again on medium-high for 4 minutes. Stir well. Add shrimp and stir to coat. Microwave on high for 3 minutes. Stir and let Microwave on high for 3 minutes. Stir and let It there are any shrimp that appear undertatand for 2 minutes to complete cooking. If there are any shrimp that appear underation and cook on high for 30-second increments, and cook on high for 30-second increments, letting stand for 1 minute after each.

Nutritional information per serving:
Calories 346 (68% from fat) • carb. 2g • pro. 24g
• fat 26g • sat. fat 9g • chol. 252mg • sod. 505mg
• fat 2cg • sat. fat 9g • chol. 252mg • sod. 505mg

#### Scallops Provençal

The microwave shines when cooking seafood and shellfish.

Makes 2 servings

| pitted and halved, optional       |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| niçoise or other black olives,    | 10  |
| tomatoes, drained                 |     |
| can (14 to 15 ounces) diced       | Į.  |
| teaspoon freshly ground pepper    | 8/₁ |
| teaspoon kosher salt              | ₺/ኒ |
| tablespoon extra virgin olive oil | Į.  |
| or dry white wine                 |     |
| tablespoons dry white vermouth    | 3   |
| teaspoon herbes de Provence       | 1/5 |
| garlic cloves, finely chopped     | 2   |
| or red onion                      |     |
| cnb finely chopped shallot        | ₺/ኒ |
| (about 8 to 10 scallops)          |     |
| bonuq ses scsllops                | Į.  |
|                                   |     |

Rinse and pat scallops completely dry. Remove tough muscle from side of scallop if still on, and discard. Reserve scallops.

Place chopped shallots/onion, garlic, and herbes de Provence in a microwave-eafe round dish such as a deep dish pie plate. Stir in vermouth, olive oil, salt, and pepper. Cover with a round of waxed paper cut to fit on top of the rim of the dish so that it is not touching the food. Place in the Cuisinart<sup>®</sup> Compact Microwave and microwave on high (PL 10) for 2 minutes. Stir, replace cover and microwave on high for another 2 minutes.

Stir in diced tomatoes and olives if using. Cover with the waxed paper and microwave on high for 5 minutes. Stir. Microwave uncovered for 2 minutes. Remove about one third of the tomato mixture.

Arrange the scallops in a circle on top of the remaining tomatoes. Top with reserved tomato mixture. Microwave on high for 4 minutes. Turn scallops and Microwave on high for 1 minute longer. Let stand 2 to 3 minutes before serving.

Scallops will continue to cook while resting – resist the urge to microwave further.

Serving suggestion: serve with rice or pasta.

Nutritional information per serving (without optional olives):
Calones 504 (27% from fat) • carb. 21g • pro. 62g • fat 15g • sat. fat 1g • chol. 149mg • sod. 1133mg • fat 15g • sat. fat 1g • chol. 149mg • sod. 1133mg

#### Chipotle Tomato Soup

This slightly spicy, slightly smoky tomato soup would be perfect alongside a grilled cheese sandwich.

Makes about 5 cups

peppers with adobo sauce\* tablespoon chipotle chile 1/2-1 teaspoon kosher salt 1/1 tablespoon white rice or vegetable stock cups low-sodium chicken 1⁄⁄ε (drain and pat dry if using jarred) seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces large roasted red bell pepper, tomatoes with juices can (14-15 ounces) diced ŀ pinch ground cumin pinch ground coriander teaspoon oregano 1/5 garlic clove, peeled and chopped ŀ cup sliced celery (½-inch) 1/4 cup sliced carrots (1/2-inch) 炒 cup chopped (1/2-inch) onion 3/2 bebivib tablespoon extra virgin olive oil,

Place the olive oil, onions, carrots, celery, garlic, oregano, corlander, and cumin in a microwave safe 11% quart casserole or bowl that is at least 4 inches deep. Stir to coat all vegetables with oil, then distribute in an even layer. Cover with sid or plate and microwave on high (PL 10) for 2 minutes. Stir. Place in the Cuisinart Compact 2 minutes and microwave on high compact or 15 minutes.

Add tomatoes with liquid, roasted pepper, stock, rice, and salt. Stir. Microwave, uncovered, on high for 10 minutes, stirring after about and sauce. Microwave on medium (PL 5) for 1 minute.

Strain the solids from the cooking liquid, reserving liquid. Place solids and 1 cup of the cooking liquid in the blender jar. Cover with lid or plate and microwave on medium (PL 5) for 20 minutes, striving after about 10 minutes of cooking. The shout 10 minutes of solving time. Using a blender or hand blender, blend until completely emulatified, smooth and homogenous. Serve hot.

Nutritional information per serving:
Calories 98 (27% from fat) • carb. 16g • pro. 3g
• fat 3g • sat. fat 0g • chol. 0mg • sod. 636mg
• calc. 52mg • fiber 4g

### Creamy Sweet Potato and Parsnip Soup with Ginger

A soup fit for a special occasion, but simple enough to prepare on any night.

Makes 2 entrée or 4 first course servings (total yield 3 cups)

cup half-and-half (may use fat-1/5-3/4 tablespoon fresh lemon juice cut into 4 pieces teaspoon unsalted butter, ŀ vegetable broth/stock, divided cups low sodium chicken or 5/12 teaspoon kosher salt 1/5 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger 1/5 cup chopped onion 1/4 cut into 1/2-inch dice pound parsnips, peeled, 1/4 peeled, cut into 1/2-inch dice pound sweet potatoes, 1⁄⁄ε

Place peeled and diced sweet potatoes and paranips, onion, ginger, and salt in a 1½-quart microwave safe bowl or casserole. Add 1 cup of the broth/stock and stir; dot with butter. Cover with a sheet of waxed paper, then with a lid or plate. Place in the Cuisinart<sup>®</sup> Compact lid or plate. Place in the Cuisinart<sup>®</sup> Compact S0 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes. Let stand 2 to 3 minutes.

free) or more stock

Use a hand blender to purée until smooth while gradually adding the remainder of the broth/ stock until completely smooth and homogenous. (May also be done in a blender.) Stir in hous. (May also be done in a blender.) Stir in microwave on high for 1 minute. Add ½ cup microwave on high for 1 minute. Add ½ cup half-and-half or more stock. Blend until creamy and amooth. Add remaining half-and-half if a thinner soup is desired. Cover and microwave on medium-high (PL 7) for 2 minutes to heat through. Serve hot.

Nutritional information per serving (% cup): Calories 131 (1% from fat) • carb. 30g • pro. 4g • fat 0g • sat. fat 0g • chol. 0mg • sod. 494mg • fat 0g • sat.

Note:

To make a purée to serve as a side dish, follow recipe but do not add all the remaining broth's stock. Purée vegetables until smooth and creamy, adding broth/stock as needed. Add 2 to 3 tablespoons half-and-half to finish if desired.

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## Omelet with Zucchini and Mushrooms

This omelet is an easy supper on a busy night.

Makes 1 omelet

teaspoons unsalted butter, divided cup julienned zucchini (¼-inch cut)
1-inch mushrooms, sliced green onions, trimmed and cut into ¼-inch pieces beaspoon basil or Italian herb blend large eggs teaspoon kosher salt pinch freshly ground pepper pinch freshly ground pepper tablespoons lowfat shredded Cheddar or Swiss cheese

Place 3 teaspoons of the butter in a 9-inch alase 9 late and place in the Cuisinaria. Glass pie plate and place in the Cuisinary Compact Microwave. Microwave on high (PL 10) to 20 seconds. Add zucchini, mushrooms, green onions, and basil to plate and toss to coat with butter. Microwave on high for 5 minutes, stirring the vegetables halfway for 5 minutes, stirring the vegetables halfway through cooking time. Remove and reserve.

Soften the remaining teaspoon of butter in a 5-burch microwave-safe soup plate. Spread butter in bowl of dish. Beat eggs with a whisk until frothy. Add salt and pepper. Pour into prepared plate. Microwave on high for 45 seconds. Use a heatproof rubber spatula to move the partially set edges of the eggs to the center and turn over. Microwave on high for 35 to 45 seconds – omelet will rise and pulf, until just set and shredded cheese. Microwave on mediumonds – omelet will rise and pulf, until just set and shredded cheese. Loosen omelet with high (PL 7) for 20 seconds to reheat vegetables and partially melt cheese. Loosen omelet with set beating.

Nutritional information per omelet:
Calories 349 (72% from fat) • carb. 7g • pro. 18g
• fat 28g • sat. fat 13g • chol. 474mg • sod. 369mg
• fat 28g • sat. fat 13g • chol. 474mg • sod. 369mg

#### Scrambled Eggs for Two

Makes 2 servings

tablespoon unsalted butter,
optional
large eggs
tablespoon water
kosher salt, to taste
freshly ground pepper to taste

serve hot. to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper and 10 to 15 seconds after second stirring. Season If dryer eggs are preferred, cook an additional ger; they will be at a safe temperature at 165°F. wave has stopped - resist the urge to cook loneggs will continue to cook even after the microreach preferred consistency, remembering that until creamy and firm, but still moist. Stir to Microwave, uncovered on high for 30 seconds, vigorously to break up solids into curds. Microwave, uncovered on high for 1 minute. Stir and beat to blend with a fork or small whisk. one minute. Break eggs into the cup, add water, cup for 20 seconds on high (PL 10). Let cool Melt butter (if using) in a 2-cup glass measuring

Nutritional information per serving (made without butter):
Calories 149 (62% from fat) • carb. 1g • pro. 12g • fat 10g • sat. fat 3g • chol. 425mg • sod. 121mg • fat 10g • sat. fat 3g • chol. 425mg • sod. 121mg

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#### Scrambled Eggs for One

Since the eggs will not stick to the microwaveable measuring cup, you can eliminate the butter – though it is quite tasty.

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Place butter (if using) in a 2-cup glass measuring cup and place in the Cuisinart® Compact Microwave and microwave for 20 seconds on high (PL 10) to melt the butter. Let cool one beat to blend with a tork or small whisk.

Microwave, uncovered on high for 30 seconds. Stir vigorously to break up solids into curds. Stir vigorously to break up solids into curds. Wicrowave, uncovered on high for 30 seconds. until creamy and firm, but still moist. Stir to until creamy and firm, but still moist. Stir to each preferred consistency, remembering that each preferred consistency, remembering that each preferred consistency, remembering that gegts will continue to cook even after the microgery. They will be at a safe temperature at 165°E, ger; they will be at a safe temperature at 165°E. If dryer eggs are preferred, cook an additional If dryer eggs are preferred, cook an additional

Nutritional information per serving (made without butter):
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10 to 15 seconds after second stirring. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper and

serve hot.

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#### **AUTO DEFROSTING GUIDE**

Follow the instructions below when defrosting different types of food.

| DIRECTIONS  | <b>GRADNATS</b> TNUOMA | FOOD                   |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Start with the food placed fat side down. After each stage, turn the food over and shield any warm portions with narrow strips of aluminum foil.  | .edl 0.8-2.S           | Roast Beef, Pork       |
| After each stage, rearrange the food. If there are any warm or thawed portions of food, shield them with narrow flat pieces of aluminum foil. Remove any pieces of food that are nearly defrosted. Let stand, covered, for 5-10 minutes.  | .edl 0.6-3.0           | Steaks, Chops,<br>Fish |
| After each stage, remove any pieces of food that are nearly defrosted. Let stand, covered with foil, for 5-10 minutes.  | .edl 0.6-3.0           | Ground Meat            |
| Remove giblets before freezing poultry. Start defrosting with the breast side down. After the first stage, turn the chicken over and shield any warm portions with narrow strips of aluminum foil. After the second stage, again shield any warm portions with narrow strips of sluminum foil. Let stand, covered, for sluminum foil. Let stand, covered, for | 2.5-6.0 lbs.           | Whole Chicken          |
| After each stage, rearrange or remove any pieces of food that are nearly defrosted. Let stand for 10-20 minutes.  | .edl 0.6-3.0           | Chicken Pieces         |

Check foods when the oven signals. After the final stage, small sections may still be icy; let them stand to continue thawing. Shielding roast and steaks with small pieces of foil prevents the edges from cooking before the center of the food has defrosted. Use narrow, flat, smooth strips of aluminum foil to cover the edges and thinner sections of the food.

Meats that have been defroated in the microwave should be cooked immediately to prevent harmful bacteria from developing.

| Peas, green  Shell such that the sand drain, a cooking. Support water, Cover, Microwave on High (PL-10) and the sacrole/baking dish with 2 to 3 bounds)  Squash  Squash  Squash  Squash  Squash  Squash  Speak, green  Speak, green  Shell sand drain, and get, Cover, Microwave on High (PL-10) for 5 to 8 minutes, until tender or trugget, sebocha, 7 pound  Squash  Speak, and speak. Cover, Microwave on High (PL-10) for 5 to 8 minutes, altiming one or cut into ½-inch cubes.  Cut thin slice from tables or speek and stem:  Squash   |  |   |  |
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| Peas, peas or sugar snap, pods or sugar snap, peas or sugar snap, peas, or sugar snap, peas or sugar snap, peas, or sugar snap, peas, or sugar snap, peas, or sugar, snap, peas, or | baking dish with 1/4 cup water. Cover.<br>Microwave on High (PL-10) for 16-21<br>minutes, until tender. Let reat 3 minutes   | lengthwise – remove   | Spaghetti (one squash,   |
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| Peas edible pod – snow, Wash and tops.  Peas, green  Remove strings, Peas or sugar snap, Peas or sugar snap, Peas, green  Peas, green  Shell and rinse.  Place in caserole/baking dish with 2 to 3 sumutes, until tender or tablespoons water. Microwave on High pods)  Wash and peel. Cut High (PL-10) for 5 to 8 minutes, until tender or done to taste.  Wash and peel. Cut High (PL-10) for 10 to 14 minutes, atirring 2 or 3 wedes), 1 pound into ½-inch cubes.  Wash and drain, Place in caserole/baking dish with 3 tiplow, waxy turnips or Swedes), 1 pound into ½-inch cubes.  Wash and drain, Place in caserole/baking dish with 3 tiploson water. Cover. Microwave on High or 5 pound to 10 to 14 minutes, atirring 2 tiploson water. Cover. Microwave on High thound the stems.  Place in caserole/baking dish with 3 tiploson water. Cover. Microwave on High thound the stems.  Place in caserole/baking dish with 3 tiploson water. Cover. Microwave on High temporal tiploson water.   | casserole/baking dish with 1/4 cup water.<br>Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 8 to<br>12 minutes, until tender when tested with a<br>knife. Let stand 3 minutes before turning   | root end/base.<br>Wash. Cut into<br>quarters lengthwise<br>or cut into 1/2-inch | Acorn, delicate, golden<br>nugget, kabocha,<br>sweet dumpling, |
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| VEGETABLE PREPARATION DIRECTIONS   | tablespoons water. Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 3 to 5 minutes until crisp/  | trim tips and fops.   | bess or sugar snap,<br>edible pod – snow                       |
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| Place in casserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons water. Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 4 to 7 minutes, until tender, stirring once during cooking.   | Wash and peel. Cut into ½-inch slices or quarter lengthwise and cut into 2-inch lengths.   | <b>Parenips</b><br>Մ pound                              |
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| Place in casserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons water. Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10), for 3 to 5 minutes – undercook if adding to a dish that will be cooked further.  | Peel boiling onions<br>before cooking. Peel<br>pearl onions after<br>cooking.  | Onions<br>Small boiling or pearl,<br>8 ounces           |
| Place in caserole/baking dish with 2 tablespoons melted butter or extra virgin olive oil. Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 4 to 6 minutes, stirring twice during cooking.  To sauté, melt ½ tablespoon each of safe pie plate for 20 seconds on High (PL-10) Add up to 6 ounces sliced mushrooms to plate and toss to cost. Season to taste. The plate should be seconds on High (PL-10) which will be set of costs. Season to taste. | Wash and dry<br>immediately. Leave<br>whole, quarter or<br>slice.  | <b>Mushrooms</b><br>1 pound                             |
| Place lima beans in a microwave-safe dish<br>with ¼ cup water. Microwave on High<br>(PL-10) for 6 to 9 minutes.   | Shell lima beans<br>and rinse.   | Lima Beans<br>3 cups (about 3<br>pounds in pods/shells) |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 1/4 cup<br>water. Cover. Microwave on High for 6 to 8<br>minutes, until tender, stirring once during<br>cooking.  | Trim, discarding upper stalks and tough/wilted outer layer of stalks. Cut thin slice from root end/base. Wash. Cut into quarters lengthwise or cut into ½-inch slices.   | <b>Fennel</b><br>2 bulbs                                |
| Wrap each ear in waxed paper or parchment. Place on glass turntable. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 2 to 4 minutes for 3 ears, and 9 to 12 minutes for 3 ears, and 9 to 12 minutes for 4 to 6 minutes for 4 ears.  | Silk.  | Corn on the Cob   |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 2 tablespoons water. Cover. Microwave on High for 4 to 6 minutes, stirring once.  | Remove husks and from ears to yield from the from ears to hield from the fr | Corn<br>4 ears  |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 2 tablespoons water. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 5 to 6 minutes, until crisp/tender, stirring once during cooking.  | Remove leaves,<br>wash. Cut into<br>½-inch slices.   | <b>Celery</b><br>6 stalks                               |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons of water. Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10), 9 to 12 minutes for a whole head, 7 to 11 minutes for florets (stirring once during cooking).   | Wash; remove and discard leaves. break into florets.   | <b>Cauliflower</b><br>۱ pound                           |
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| Place in casserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons water. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 7 to 9 minutes, stirring once during cooking.   | Pinse (they may be<br>prewashed, but<br>rinse again).  | Csrrots, baby cut   |
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| Place in casserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons water. Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10), 7 to 9 minutes for sliced, 5 to 7 minutes for julienned, stirring once during cooking.  | Wash and peel. Cut<br>into ¼-inch slices or<br>julienne.   | <b>Carrots</b><br>1 pound   |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 1/4 cup water. Cover. Microwave on High for 7 to 9 minutes, stirring once during cooking.  | Trim off and discard loose outer leaves. Trim stem ends and cut a cross in end with sharp knife.   | <b>Brussels Sprouts</b><br>1 pound  |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons water. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 4 to 9 minutes, until crisp-tender or to taste, stirring once during cooking. If using in a salad or to add to another dish, choose shorter cooking times and refresh immediately in ice water. | Wash, remove and discard stalks and outer leaves. Cut into florets (1-inch) or spears.   | <b>Broccoli</b><br>1 pound  |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons water. Cover. Microwave whole beets for 9 to 12 minutes on High (PL-10) until tender. Let cool and skins will slip off easily. Microwave sliced/diced beets for 9 to 12 minutes, stirring after 5 minutes.                           | Trim stems to 1-<br>inch. Scrub beets<br>well, but prick, do<br>not peel if cooking<br>whole. For sliced or<br>diced, peel and cut.                                    | Beets Red, yellow, or orange, 1 pound (3 to 4 medium)   |
| Place in caserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons water. Cover. Microwave cut or whole beans for 8 to 12 minutes on High (PL-10); Microwave French cut or haricots verts for 5 to 9 minutes.  | Wash. Trim ends. Cut into 1 to 11/2- inch pieces, French- cut or leave whole. Trim ends from haricots verts, leave whole.  | <b>B</b> eans<br>(green, yellow wax) or<br>haricots verts   |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 3 tablespoons water. Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 3 to 6 minutes, rearranging or stirring halfway through cooking until done to taste.   | Wash and break off woody part of spear. Peel as desired. Leave whole or cut on diagonal into 1-to frinch lengths.  | Asparagus (1 pound) Cooking (1 pound) Cooking time will vary greatly with thickness of asparagus. For best sesults choose asparagus of similar thickness. |
| Place in casserole/baking dish with 1/4 cup<br>water. Cover. Microwave on High (PL-10) for<br>3-6 minutes, turning halfway through<br>cooking, until a leaf pulls out easily. Invert to<br>drain.  | Choose firm, closed artichokes. Wash well, trim stems and cut about 1 inch from top. Use kitchen scissors to from leaves. Rub/ brush cut edges with fresh lemon juice. | Artichokes<br>globe (2-about 10<br>ounces each)   |
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fore cooking to prevent them from bursting.

- For more even cooking, stir or rearrange whole vegetables halfway through the cooking time.
- Generally, the denser the food, the longer the standing time (standing time refers to the time necessary for dense, large foods and vegetables to finish cooking after they come out of the oven). A baked potato can stand on the counter for five minutes before cooking is completed, while a dish of peas can be served immediately.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR MICROWAVE

- Never cook eggs in the shell and never warm hard-cooked eggs in the shell; they can explode.
- Cook eggs just until barely set and allow for carryover cooking during, which time they will finish cooking; they become tough if overcooked.

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- Vegetables should be washed in cold clear water just before cooking.
   Some vegetables such as spinach may require several washings. Often, no extra water is needed. If dense vegetables such as potatoes, carrots and green beans are being cooked, add about ¼ cup of water.
- Small vegetables such as sliced carrots, peas, lima beans will cook faster than larger ones.
- Whole vegetables such as potatoes, acorn squash or corn on the cob should be arranged in a circle on the turntable before cooking. They will cook more evenly if turned over after half the cooking time.
- Always place vegetables like asparagus and broccoli with the stem ends pointing toward the edge of the dish and the tips toward the center.
- When cooking cut vegetables, always cover the dish with a lid or vented microwave plastic wrap.
- For best results when cooking asparagus, arrange trimmed asparagus in a spoke fashion, stem end out.
   About two-thirds through cooking reverse so that tips are on the outer edge.
- Prick skin of whole, unpeeled vegetables such as potatoes, squash, etables such in several spots be-

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- Arrange pieces with thick sections to outside.
- When possible fold fish fillets to create pieces of similar size and thick-
- Cover before cooking with a plate or wax paper.

#### MICROWAVE GUIDE FOR COOKING GUIDE FOR COOKING

- Place poultry on a microwave-safe roasting rack in a microwave-safe
- dish. Cover poultry with wax paper to prevent spattering.
- Use small pieces of aluminum foil to shield bone tips, thin meat areas or areas that start to overcook.
- Check the temperature in several places before letting the poultry stand the recommended time.

| Let stand 3 minutes before serving.  | Cooking Time: 4-6 minutes<br>Power Level: High (PL-10) |   |                         | Fillets – cod, halik<br>haddock, 1 pounc |
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| DIRECTIONS   | DOMEB FENER<br>COOK LIWE                               |   |                         | FOOD                                     |
| Place chicken bone-side down on dish, with the thickest portions toward the outside of pate in the dish in a spoke pattern. Cover with wax paper. Turn over when the cooking time is half up. Cook until juices run clear and meat near the bone is no longer pink. Skin will not be browned or crispy, To aid in browning, bursh with Gravy Master® or similar product provided in the cooking. Let stand 5-10 minutes. |  | ing Time:<br>briins/lb<br>dark meat<br>light meat<br>light (70) | n 6-9<br>9°081<br>9°071 | Chicken Pieces<br>Up to 2 lbs.           |
| Place chicken breast-side down on microwave-safe roasting rack. Cover with wax paper. Turn over when the cooking time is half up. Cook until juices run clear and meat near the bone is no longer pink. Skin will not be browned or crispy. To aid in browning, brush with Gravy Master® or similar product prior to with Gravy Master® or similar product prior to cooking. Let atand 5-10 minutes.                     |  | ing Time:<br>sr Level:<br>The High (70)                         | m 6-9                   | Whole Chicken<br>Up to 4 lbs.            |
| DIRECTIONS   |  | OWER LEVEL<br>COOK TIME/  | _                       | FOOD                                     |

| DIRECTIONS  | POWER LEVEL  | FOOD  |
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| Let stand 3 minutes before serving.   | Cooking Time: 4-6 minutes<br>Power Level: High (PL-10)                                 | Fillets – cod, halibut, haddock, 1 pound filets of even thickness |
| Cover loosely with wax paper. Let stand 4-5 minutes before serving.   | Cooking Time: 2½-3 minutes<br>Power Level: High (PL-10)                                | Salmon, fillets<br>† pound  |
| Fold over to create thickness of about % inch. Let stand 3 minutes before serving.  | Cooking Time: 4-6 minutes<br>Power Level: High (PL-10)                                 | Flounder, sole, thin<br>flat fillets, 1 pound                     |
| Arrange on flat microwave-safe plate, meaty (head) portion to outside, cover with plate. Let rest 3 to 5 minutes covered.                               | Cooking Time: 1-3 minutes<br>Power Level: High (PL-10)                                 | Shrimp, 1 pound, large – peeled and deveined.                     |
| Arrange in single layer in microwave-safe pie plate. Season with melted butter and/or lemon juice. Cover with plate. Let stand 2 to 3 minutes, covered. | Cooking Time: 2-4 minutes, turn over/stir after 1-1½ minutes Power Level: High (PL-10) | Scallops, 1 pound, large – remove muscle/ foot before cooking.    |

#### COOKING GNIDE

The following guides will help you to cook a variety of foods in the microwave. Some foods are more suited for microwave cooking than others. Times will vary depending on the starting temperature of the foods being cooked.

#### GUIDE FOR COOKING MEAT IN YOUR MICROWAVE

- Place meat on a microwave-safe roasting rack in a microwave-safe dish.
- Start meat fat side down. Use narrow strips of aluminum foil to shield any bone tips or thin meat areas.
- Check the temperature in several places before letting the meat stand the recommended time.
- Microwaved meats will be somewhat different in texture than meats cooked by traditional methods. Brushing meats with a product such as Gravy Master® will aid in "browned" appearance and make finished product more visually appealing.
- The following temperatures are removal temperatures. The temperature of the food will rise during the standing time.

- To soften hard-as-rocks brown sugar, place on a glass or ceramic pie plate. Cover with wax paper. Top with a slice of fresh white bread.
   Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on High (PL-10) for about 30 seconds.
- Reheat rice by placing in serving dish/bowl. For 1 cup rice, sprinkle with 2-3 teaspoons water, and cover with a plate or plastic wrap. Microwave on High (PL-10) for 1⅓ minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes before using.

### SUGGESTED DISHES FOR USE IN

- Glass measuring cups with handle 1-cup, 2-cup, 4-cup and 8-cup sizes.
- Glass, ceramic or porcelain ramekins
  4 to 8 ounces in size.
- Glass/ceramic bowl with lid
   1½-quart, 3-quart sizes
- Glass/ceramic oval baker/gratin dish
   12-ounce, 24-ounce sizes.
- 12-onuce mugs for coffee
- Glass/ceramic 9- to 12-inch pie plates
   Glass/ceramic/porcelain soufflé dishes
- 1-quart, 2-quart, 3-quart sizes

| DIRECTIONS  | DOMER LEVEL<br>COOK TIME/   | FOOD   |
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| Place roast fat-side down on roasting rack. Cover with wax paper. Turn over when cooking time is half up. Let stand 10 minutes.           | Cooking Time: Rare – 7-11 min/lb for 115°F Medium – 8-12 min/lb for 120°F Well Done – 9-14 min/lb for 145°F Power Level: High (Hi) for first 5 minutes, then Medium (PL-5) or according to specific recipe. | Boneless<br>roast beef<br>Up to 4 lbs.         |
| Place roast fat-side down on roasting rack. Cover with vented plastic wrap. Turn over when cooking time is half up. Let stand 10 minutes. | Cooking Time:<br>Well Done - 11-15 min/lb for 160°F<br>Power Level: High (Hi) for first 5<br>minutes, then Medium (50)  | Pork<br>Boneless or<br>Bone-in<br>Up to 4 lbs. |

- When microwaving in glass, be sure it is tempered glass or it will shatter.
- If using paper goods in the microwave, use only white, undecorated materials, not made of recycled papers (these may contain chemicals or bits of metal which can ignite). For paper towels it is suggested that the package have a microwave-safe claim for the product.
- If the start/30-second button is pressed while the microwave is in use, this will default set the power to level 10 as well as adding an extra 30-seconds of cooking time.

## OTHER USES FOR YOUR MICROWAVE

- To proof yeast doughs, place prepared dough in a large bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Place a 2cup measure filled with 1 cup water in the microwave and bring to the corner of microwave and place covered bowl of dough in the microwave. Close door and let rise in the warm, steamy microwave for 20 to Marm, steamy microwave for 20 to 30 minutes until doubled in volume. Remove from microwave and proceed according to recipe instruc-
- Decrystallize honey by uncovering the jar and placing in the microwave for 30 to 60 seconds on Medium High (PL-7).
- Get more juice from citrus. Place lemons and limes in microwave on High (PL-10) for 20 to 30 seconds and your juice yield will be greatly improved and less difficult.
- Soften freezer-hard ice cream by microwaving on Medium (PL-5) for 30 to 60 seconds.

- Soften cream cheese in microwave. Remove from original wrapper and microwave on Medium-Low (PL-3) for about 40 to 60 seconds.
- To soften butter for baking, unwrap and place on small microwavable dish. Microwave on Low (PL-1 or PL-2) for 20 to 30 seconds for each 2 tablespoons.
- To melt butter, unwrap, cut into tablespoons and place in glass measuring cup. Cover loosely with wax paper to prevent spattering. Microwave on High (PL-10) in 30-second increments until three-quarters melted, then stir to complete melting.
- lo heat syrup for pancakes or watfles, place in a microwave-safe container with a handle (sugar syrups get extremely hot), and microwave on High (PL-10) for 30-second intervals until warm.
- An instant-read thermometer is a great tool to have – it will allow you to check temperatures as needed and will give you a reading within seconds. Do not cook with the instant-read thermometer in foods – it is only for checking finished cooking temperatures.
- containers that have changed shape. not recommended to eat foods from and will change form or warp - it is withstand high heat or to be reused, Some plastics are not designed to chemicals into microwaved foods. time and impart or leach harmful cally when microwaved a second they may change chemically/physiping containers in the microwave, as as margarine tubs or whipped topofher "single use containers" such containers from frozen food items, or Do not reuse deli containers, plastic the pattern cannot be microwaved. na or porcelain with gold or silver in structions as to microwavability. Chicooking. Check manufacturer's in-Use microwave-safe containers for

will become rubbery in texture when reheated in the microwave. Meats that are tender when cooked by traditional methods may be tough and rubbery because of their complex protein/fat structure.

- Foods cooked in the microwave will be greatly affected by their starting temperature. Room temperature foods will not take as long to cook as foods taken right from the refrigerator.
- Move foods around and stir them frequently to ensure even cooking.
- You will get best results with vegetables and seafood when they are of similar size and thickness. Vegetables should be cut and trimmed to similar sizes.
- Arrange foods in a "spoke" or "wreath" pattern if possible to help cook evenly.
- Do not cook eggs in their shells they will burst! If poaching eggs, prick yolks with tines of a fork so that they do not burst.
- For cooking hot cereals such as oatmeal, follow package instructions.
   Cook in a large enough container to allow for boil-ups.
- To melt chocolate in the microwave, cut it into 1-inch pieces, or use chocolate morsels. Place in glass container with handle (a measuring cup will be fine) and microwave on Medium High (PL-7) for 1 minute. Stir well. If necessary, microwave again at 30-second intervals as necessary. Stir well, as chocolate melts while it is being stirred. When about while it is being stirred. When about soft the chocolate is melted, stir to while it is being stirred. When about lift is being stirred. When as melted if it is being stirred. When second intervals as necton lift is soft in the chocolate is melted, stir to search melted.

 Toast nuts, bread crumbs and coconut. Spread them on a microwavesafe plate or pie plate. Microwave on High for 1 to 3 minutes, stirring once every minute. There will be carryover cooking, so take care not to overcook or these items will burn.

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#### CLEANING

Keeping your microwave clean will keep it working efficiently and effectively.

- In a 2-cup measure, bring 1 cup water mixed with 2 tablespoons lemon juice or baking soda to a boil in the microwave. Allow to stand in microwave for 5 minutes to steam. Then wipe walls of microwave with clean paper towels, a damp clean towel or a dampened microfiber cloth to remove softened cooking residues.
- Do not use scouring pads or abrasive or harsh detergents.
- If using a chemical-based spray for cleaning, be sure to wipe interior of microwave clean with a dampened towel so that the chemicals and their aromas are not absorbed by the next foods cooked.

#### COOKING

- To boil liquids, microwave until the surface bubbles actively, just like boiling on the stovetop.
- Although cooking dried beans in the microwave is not recommended, you can presoak them by "flash-soaking" in the microwave: cover beans with 2 inches of water in a microwaveasfe container on high for 12 minutes. Let stand in microwave for 15 minutes longer. Drain and cook on stovetop until tender, adding fresh liquid and cooking according to package/recipe directions.
- Carryover cooking When microwaving, foods will continue cooking after the microwave has stopped. It is better to undercook slightly and let foods stand to prevent overcooking.
- The type of food and its individual characteristics will be an indicator of how it cooks. Microwaving is particularly well suited to cooking vegetables and foods that have a high water content. Breads and pastries

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