Chili Pouch O'Noodles

This recipe makes 12 servings of 1 cup chili and 1/2 cup noodles



Ingredients

2 lbs lean ground beef

1 yellow onion

2 green bell peppers

3 tbsp chili powder

2 tbsp garlic powder

2 tbsp onion powder

3 tbsp ground cumin

1 tbsp smoked paprika

1 tsp ground chipotle

½ tsp ground cayenne pepper

½ tsp salt

1 tsp black pepper

1 -15 oz can tomato sauce

2 - 14.5 oz cans diced tomatoes

1 - 6 oz can tomato paste

2 -15.5 oz cans red beans or kidney beans, drained and rinsed

2 cups water

6 pkgs Ramen Noodles, no seasoning

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Directions:

- 1. Cook the ground beef and crumble. Strain and rinse. Set aside
- 2. Chop the onion and green bell peppers. Add ground beef, vegetables and all remaining ingredients (except Ramen noodles) to the crockpot and cook for 6 hours on low heat.
- 3. Let it cool down, then place in the refrigerator overnight and skim fat off of the top in the morning.

 **This is an important step for long term storage
- 4. Divide each of the uncooked ramen packages in half and arrange on a freeze drying tray.
- 5. Divide the chili into 24 portions in silicone molds (2 portions = 1 serving), or use dividers to make 12 total portions on a lined tray.
- 6. Pre-freeze until solid. Remove the chili from molds and arrange on a lined tray. If using dividers you can leave them in while freeze drying.
- 7. Freeze dry.
- 8. Store in one serving portions in mylar bags for long-term storage.

Rehydration:

1 serving is ½ a package of Ramen noodles and 1 cup of chili (2 round portions or one divider portion). Add 1 cup of boiling water, stir and let sit for 2 minutes. Stir and let sit for an additional 2 minutes.

Notes:

The Ramen should be freeze dried even though it seems unnecessary. Enjoy this on the 4th Thursday of every February, it's National Chili Day!

Nutritional Value Per 1 serving

Calories: 300 Protein: 12 g Fat: 11 g Carbohydrates: 40 g Sugar: 5 g Fiber: 5 g