# How to Dry Food and Recipes for Dehydrated Meals

Drying food is a great way to preserve it and make it last longer. It's also a great way to reduce food waste and save money. Dehydrated foods are lightweight and easy to store, making them perfect for camping, hiking, or any other time you need to eat on the go.

There are many different ways to dry food, but the most common methods are air drying, sun drying, and oven drying. Air drying is the simplest method, but it can take several days or even weeks to complete. Sun drying is a good option if you live in a warm climate, but it can be difficult to control the temperature and humidity. Oven drying is the fastest method, but it can be more expensive and time-consuming than other methods.



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Once you've chosen a drying method, you need to prepare the food. This may involve washing, peeling, and cutting the food. You can also add

spices or other seasonings to the food before drying it.

Once the food is prepared, you can start the drying process. The drying time will vary depending on the type of food and the drying method you're using. Once the food is dry, it can be stored in airtight containers for up to several months.

Dehydrated foods are a great way to preserve food and eat well on the go. They're lightweight, easy to store, and packed with nutrients. If you're looking for a way to reduce food waste and save money, drying food is a great option.

#### **Recipes for Dehydrated Meals**

Here are a few recipes for dehydrated meals that are perfect for camping, hiking, or any other time you need to eat on the go:

#### **Dehydrated Beef Stew**

- 1 pound beef stew meat, cut into cubes
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 celery sticks, chopped
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

#### Instructions:

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
- 2. Spread the mixture evenly on a dehydrator tray.
- 3. Dry at 145 degrees Fahrenheit for 8-12 hours, or until the beef is dry and brittle.

#### **Dehydrated Vegetable Soup**

- 1 cup dried carrots
- 1 cup dried celery
- 1 cup dried onions
- 1 cup dried green beans
- 1 cup dried peas
- 1/2 cup dried lentils
- 1/4 cup dried barley
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

#### Instructions:

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
- 2. Spread the mixture evenly on a dehydrator tray.
- 3. Dry at 145 degrees Fahrenheit for 8-12 hours, or until the vegetables are dry and brittle.

#### **Dehydrated Fruit Leather**

- 2 pounds of fruit (such as apples, pears, peaches, or berries)
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup honey (optional)

#### Instructions:

- 1. Wash and core the fruit. Remove the seeds and stems.
- 2. Cut the fruit into thin slices.
- 3. In a large bowl, combine the fruit, lemon juice, and honey (if using).
- 4. Spread the mixture evenly on a dehydrator tray.
- 5. Dry at 145 degrees Fahrenheit for 8-12 hours, or until the fruit leather is dry and pliable.

These are just a few examples of dehydrated meals that you can make. With a little creativity, you can create endless possibilities. So next time you're planning a camping trip or hike, don't forget to pack some dehydrated meals. They're a great way to save money, reduce food waste, and eat well on the go.

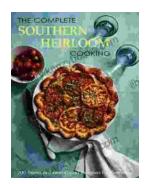


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