

RECIPE AND INGREDIENT FACTS SHEET

### What are Vegetables?

Vegetables are edible parts of plants like roots, leaves, and stems. They're packed with vitamins, minerals, and fiber that help keep the body healthy. Eating a variety every day supports overall wellness.

## Health Benefits of Vegetables

- **Rich in nutrients** provide vitamins and minerals for overall health.
- **High in fiber** support healthy digestion.
- **Protective antioxidants** help lower disease risk.
- Low in calories support weight management.





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### Recipe (serves 6)

### Food for Thought

Raw veggies can be taxing on the digestive system. However, when roasted, the vegetables become much easier for your body to digest. This is a super versatile recipe, and can be used with most any vegetable—try a few different ones, experimenting with various herbs (fresh or dried) and vegetables to find which you like best. Some ideas: tomato with basil, carrots with tarragon, and cauliflower with curry powder.

### **Ingredients**

- Asparagus, cauliflower, zucchini or any vegetable
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- Fresh or dried herbs or spices of your choice

#### Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400F
- 2.2. Prepare vegetables: Cut off the bottom 1-2 inches of the asparagus spears, cut other vegetables into similar-sized pieces
- 3.3. Toss vegetables with olive oil, and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and herbs.
- 4.4. Cook for 20-30 minutes, being sure to watch so the veggies don't burn
- 5.5. This is a very versatile dish. Serve hot straight from the oven, warm, or even at room temperature.









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# Health Benefits of Asparagus and Other Vegetables

Asparagus and other fiber-rich vegetables offer powerful benefits for your heart and digestion:

- Asparagus rich in folate for heart health and inulin, a fiber that supports digestion.
- Fiber boost asparagus, cauliflower, and zucchini provide fiber that may lower bad cholesterol and regulate bowel movements.
- Overall wellness these vegetables support a healthy heart, gut, and digestive system.

## Benefits of Roasting Vegetables

Roasting is one of the easiest and tastiest ways to enjoy vegetables. It enhances flavor while keeping meals simple, healthy, and versatile.

- Enhances flavor brings out natural sweetness and creates a rich, caramelized taste.
- **Simple cooking** quick and easy with minimal prep.
- Versatile works with many vegetables and seasonings.
- **Healthy option** uses little added fat while preserving nutrients.
- Family-friendly makes vegetables more appealing to kids and adults alike.

# A Guide to Using Oils When Roasting Vegetables

- 1. Choose healthy oils Olive oil and avocado oil are great options with heart-healthy fats.
- 2. Use lightly Just 1–2 tablespoons is enough to coat a full pan of veggies.
- 3. Coat evenly Toss vegetables in a bowl or use your hands to spread oil evenly for crisp results.
- 4. Avoid excess Too much oil makes veggies soggy instead of crisp.
- 5. **Try variety** Experiment with flavored oils or add herbs and spices for extra taste.





