

WILD RICE SALAD

Makes 8 Servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup wild rice
- 1/2 bunch kale, washed, stemmed, leaves removed and cut into thin ribbons (about 2¹/₂ packed cups)
- 1 orange bell pepper, cut into ¼-inch dice
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced (white and light green parts only)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup roughly chopped toasted pecans
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 celery stalk, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Crumbled feta cheese, optional

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Cook the wild rice according to package directions. When done, drain, place in a large bowl, and stir occasionally until the rice is cooled.
- 2. When cool, stir in the kale, bell pepper, green onions, parsley, pecans, cranberries, and celery. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt, and pepper until well combined. Stir into the rice mixture.
- 3. Season with additional lemon juice, salt, and pepper to taste and refrigerate until ready to eat. Add feta cheese as desired.

Nutrition Information per Serving (1 cup):

150 calories, 12g fat (1.5g saturated), 90mg sodium, 12g carbohydrates, 2g fiber, 2g protein, 60% vitamin A, 100% vitamin C

One cup of my nutty, crunchy salad has a day's worth of vitamin C, and it's also loaded with vitamin A.

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