Spinach

Selection - Choose crisp, bright green bunches with leaves free from spots.

Storage - Store unwashed in the refrigerator. Loosely wrap in damp paper towels and wash before eating or cooking (stays fresh for 3-5 days).

Nutrition - Iron in spinach supports healthy blood and running of all cells.

3 EASY WAYS TO USE SPINACH

- Add washed raw spinach leaves to any soup, salad, egg or pizza dish for added fiber.
- To sauté spinach, heat olive oil in a pan, add chopped onions.
 and mushrooms; cook for about 3-5 minutes. Add spinach and cook for 1-2 more minutes. Sprinkle with some garlic powder and lemon juice, stir, then serve.
- To make a spinach dip, add cooked spinach to soft cream cheese, Greek yogurt, garlic and cheese. Pair with fresh veggies or whole grain crackers for a healthy snack.







Ingredients

Salad

- ☐ 1 bag baby spinach, about 2 cups (10 ounces, washed)
- 2 apples, chopped
- ☐ 1 cup raisins or dried cranberries
- ☐ 1/2 cup walnuts
- ☐ 1/4 cup cheese

Dressing

- ☐ 1/4 cup canola oil
 - 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- ☐ 1 tablespoon sugar
- ☐ Garlic powder (pinch)

Directions

- 1. Combine spinach, apples, raisins, walnuts and cheese.
- Mix all dressing ingredients and pour over salad just prior to serving.
- 3. Add chicken or eggs to salad to make a full meal.



Recipe adapted from: University of Maryland Extension, MyPlate Kitchen https://www.choosemyplate.gov/recipes/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/spinach-salad-apples-and-raisins