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## T'was the Month After Christmas

T'was the month after Christmas, and  
all through the house,  
nothing would fit me,  
not even a blouse;  
The cookies I'd nibbled,  
the eggnog I had to taste,  
at the holiday parties had  
gone to my waist;

When I got on the scales  
there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store  
(less a walk than a lumber),  
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd  
prepared,  
The gravies and sauces and  
beef nicely rared;

The wine and the rum balls;  
the bread and the cheese,  
and the way I'd never said,  
"No thank you, please."  
As I dressed myself in my husband's  
old shirt,

and prepared once again to do  
battle with dirt,

I said to myself, as only I can,  
"You can't spend a winter  
disguised as a man!"

So, away with the last of the  
sour cream dip.

Get rid of the fruit cake,  
every cracker and chip.  
Every last bit of food that I like must  
be banished,  
'til all the additional ounces  
have vanished.

I won't have a cookie--  
not even a lick.

I'll want only to chew on  
a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits,  
or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot  
and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome,  
and life is a bore,  
But isn't that what January is for?  
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.

Happy New Year to all  
and to all a good diet!

Author Unknown



# Chili for Cold Winter Days

## Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground beef chuck
- 1 pound bulk Italian sausage
- 3 (15 oz) cans chili beans, drained
- 1 (15 oz) can chili beans in spicy sauce
- 2 (28 oz) cans diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 (6 oz) can tomato paste
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded & chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded & chopped
- 2 green chili peppers, seeded & chopped
- 1 tablespoon bacon bits
- 4 cubes beef bouillon
- 1/2 cup beer
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1 (10.5 oz) bag corn chips
- 1 (8 oz) package shredded Cheddar



## Directions

1. Heat a large stock pot over medium-high heat. Crumble the ground chuck and sausage into the hot pan, and cook until evenly browned. Drain off excess grease.
2. Pour in the chili beans, spicy chili beans, diced tomatoes and tomato paste. Add the onion, celery, green and red bell peppers, chili peppers, bacon bits, bouillon, and beer. Season with chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, oregano, cumin, hot pepper sauce, basil, salt, pepper, cayenne, paprika, and sugar. Stir to blend, then cover and simmer over low heat for at least 2 hours, stirring occasionally.
3. After 2 hours, taste, and adjust salt, pepper, and chili powder if necessary. The longer the chili simmers, the better it will taste. Remove from heat and serve, or refrigerate, and serve the next day.
4. To serve, ladle into bowls, and top with corn chips and shredded Cheddar cheese.



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Glaucoma can't be cured, but if caught early, treatment options can reduce the risk of blindness. If you are over 60, or if you are African-American and over the age of 40, or you have a family history of glaucoma, talk to your doctor. You should have



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- Make sure that you set your thermostat to a comfortable level. Generally, this means your thermostat should be set to no higher than 70 degrees in the winter.
- If there is a dryer in your home, try removing clothing when it is still slightly damp and hanging it to dry. Not only do you save electricity, your clothes will last longer and require less ironing.
- Taking a long, hot shower is something that would show up on a water bill. Remember that heating water is expensive also. Take care to not let hot water run when shaving or washing dishes.
- Keep your refrigerator clean and vacuum the motor and coils at least once every three months. If your freezer is somewhat empty, fill empty milk jugs with water and keep them in the freezer.
- Use fluorescent bulbs in place of incandescent bulbs, and always use the lowest wattage necessary. Remember to turn off lights when you are not using them.
- Do not use the heated dry setting on your dishwasher. Instead let your dishes air dry.



By taking these simple steps, you can save money on your utility bills next time around. You are also helping to protect the environment by reducing your energy consumption.

## Toasting To a New Year

Toasts have existed for almost as long as drinking itself. To help you bring in the New Year properly, here are some great Irish toasts.

- In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship but never in want.
- May you be in heaven a full half hour before the devil knows you're dead.
- May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies, quick to make friends. But rich or poor, quick or slow, may you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.
- May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below never fall out.
- Here's to you and yours and to mine and ours, and if mine and ours ever come across you and yours, I hope you and yours will do as much for mine and ours as mine and ours have done for you and yours.





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## Dealing with the Flu

It's that time of year again--flu season is here. Each year as many as 30 million people contract the flu in the United States, leading to 20,000 deaths a year. At most risk is the elderly, those with chronic disease like diabetes, asthma, or heart disease, and infants.



The flu is like a cold in many ways. Both are respiratory infections, but the symptoms can vary. A fever, general aches and pains and fatigue usually accompany the flu. You may also experience a sore throat, coughing or sneezing. If a cold is misdiagnosed as the flu, there is usually no problem. But the flu misdiagnosed as a cold can possibly lead to serious complications like pneumonia being overlooked. If you have any symptoms of the flu, you should contact your doctor as soon as possible.

There is no cure for the flu, but there are things you can do to make yourself more comfortable during the duration. The best course of action in dealing with the flu is to get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids. Fever can be treated with acetaminophen. Be sure to talk to your doctor to get advice about using a decongestant/antihistamine to treat nasal congestion. Antibiotics have no effect on the flu because it is caused by a virus.

And what about chicken soup? Well, it can't hurt! Although it doesn't cure anything, it can soothe a sore throat, clear clogged passageways, and hydrate you. It is good TLC at a difficult time.

If you do find that you are suffering from the flu, consider getting the flu shot next year. These are generally given in the fall, and must be received each year, as the strains of flu vary from year to year. In the meantime, remember that time and rest is the best cures of all for flu sufferers.



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