

ZUCCHINI NOODLE SALAD WITH TURKEY BACON & TOMATO

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Zucchini doesn't have to be cooked to be eaten. It actually tastes great in a raw salad and adds a nice crunch. Bacon, lettuce and tomato are an all-time favorite sandwich, so why not create a healthy salad twist on an American favorite? We substitute uncured turkey bacon instead of bacon, along with a lightly-flavored dressing, but you could also use one of the Genesis Fat Burning Salad Dressings for a creamy dressing (think of a BLT with mayo... hold the bread!).

This recipe can vary slightly depending on the size of your zucchini; however, you will have approximately 3 2-1/4 cup servings. One serving will cover your raw vegetable, fat and 2 oz of protein for one meal. Just add another ounce of protein on the side.



INGREDIENTS

3 medium zucchini, spiralized 1 Tbsp avocado oil

6 slices uncured turkey bacon *



1-1/2 cups grape tomatoes, halved 1/4 cup fresh basil, cut into ribbons 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice 1/4 tsp garlic powder 1/4 tsp Pink Himalayan salt 1/8 tsp black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat a large skillet, add avocado oil and fry turkey bacon until brown and caramelized on both sides. Set aside to cool, then cut into small pieces.

In a large bowl, place the spiralized zucchini, turkey bacon, tomatoes and fresh basil.

In a small bowl or measuring cup, add the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Whisk until well combined. Pour over the zucchini salad and toss lightly. Serve immediately.

<u>NOTE</u>: This recipe is best eaten the same day, but can be eaten a day later – however, you may have to drain it some, as the zucchini starts to break down and become watery.

*Applegate Farms turkey bacon is best (if you can find it), but we allow uncured turkey bacon with no sugar added. There are, however, brands that do contain such a small amount of raw sugar (like Simple Truth from Kroger, etc), that it doesn't even register as having any sugar on a serving. Do the best with what you can find utilizing the "Good, Better, Best" principle. Just don't accept that any turkey bacon with sugar is okay.