# Cauliflower

**Selection -** Choose compact heads that are creamy white, free from brown spots, with bright green leaves.

**Storage** - Store in the refrigerator with stalk down to not bruise heads (stays fresh for up to 5 days).

**Nutrition** - Vitamin C in cauliflower supports healing of cuts and wounds.

## **3 EASY WAYS TO USE CAULIFLOWER**

• To roast cauliflower, toss in olive oil and add herbs and spices. Place on baking sheet and bake at 400 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

• To make spicy cauliflower bites, mix hot sauce, 1 tablespoon of melted butter, 1 tablespoon of olive oil, lemon juice and garlic powder. Cut cauliflower into bite-size pieces and toss in sauce. Bake at 425 degrees for about 25-30 minutes.

 To make mashed cauliflower, use cooked cauliflower (steamed or roasted) and then add low-fat milk and small amounts of butter and garlic. Blend or mash until smooth.







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### **Cauliflower Mac and Cheese**

#### Makes 7 Servings

#### Ingredients

- 1 pound whole wheat pasta shells
- 8 cups water
- 2 cups cauliflower, chopped
- □ 1 1/2 cups milk, non-fat
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup flour
- □ 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup cheese, low-fat

#### Directions

- Fill a pot with 6 cups of water and bring to a boil. Once the water is boiling, add pasta and cook for 8 minutes.
- Drain pasta and fill the same pot with 2 cups of water; bring to a boil.
- Place the chopped cauliflower in the boiling water and cook until the florets are soft (about 4 minutes). Drain cauliflower.
- Place the cooked cauliflower, 1/2 cup milk and garlic powder in a blender, and blend until smooth.
- In a separate pot, heat oil. Add the flour and whisk until the mixture is smooth. Add 1 cup of milk and cook until it bubbles and thickens. Add the cheese and cauliflower and mix.
- 6. Once the mixture is complete, remove from heat. Add the pasta back into the sauce and serve.

Recipe adapted from: Michigan State University Extension-Midland County. With Veggies, More Matters! MyPlate Kitchen https://www.choosemyplate.gov/recipes/supplemental-nutrition-assistance -program-snap/conchas-de-coliflor-con-queso