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#### Storage

**Short-Term Storage:** Store fresh oregano by wrapping it in a damp paper towel and storing it in an open plastic bag in the refrigerator. You can store it this way for up to 5 days.

Long-Term Storage: Oregano can be frozen or dried.

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#### **VEGETABLE CHILI**

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 onions (peeled and coarsely chopped)
- 2 zucchini (summer squash) (cubed)
- 2 sweet potatoes (peeled and cubed)
- 3 cloves garlic (peeled and minced)
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 3 16-ounce cans low-sodium dark red kidney beans (drained and rinsed)
- 2 14.5-ounce cans low-sodium diced tomatoes
- 2 cups sweet corn (removed from

#### **Directions**

- 1. Heat a large pot over medium heat. When it is hot, add the oil.
- 2. Add the onions, summer squash, sweet potatoes, garlic, and spices and cook, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes.
- 3. Add the kidney beans and tomatoes. Stir and cover. Cook until the squash is tender (about 30 minutes).
- 4. Add the corn and cook until warmed throughout.
- 5. Serve right away or transfer to a container once cooled. Refrigerate up to 5 days.



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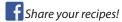
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