Reader Recipes

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Mexican Tortillas

2 cups Cornmeal 3/4 cup flour 2 tsp salt

Mix ingredients. Add enough water to make a stiff dough. Let stand 30 min. Then squeeze into small balls, press each ball into very thin cake, and bake brown on both sides in a lightly greased skillet or griddle. Use just enough grease to prevent sticking; none if you have a well broken-in griddle. Serves 3

Reunion **Baked Beans**

1 lb. bacon 2 diced onions 3/4 cup brown sugar 3/4 cup ketchup 1/2 cup vinegar 1 tsp dry mustard 1/2 cup white sugar 2 cans pork & beans 1 can drained lima beans or 1 can drained mushrooms

Brown bacon. Drain off grease and add onions; brown a little. Add remaining ingredients, Simmer with bacon and onions for about 5 min. Then add the pork and beans, kidney beans, lima beans or mushrooms. Mix together and cook 1 hr. at 350° F. Also good when cooked in a slow cooker/crock pot. Freezes well. Melissa Girardin Virden, Manitoba

Speedy Roast Beef Or Pork Gravy

1 can cream of mushroom soup

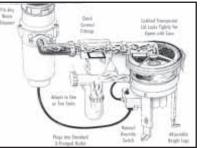
1 can water

1 packet of dry onion

soup mix 1 tbsp Kitchen Bouquet

or other gravy mix Mix these ingredients together and pour over roast in oven. As it cooks, gravy thickens to right consistency and flavor. Carroll Hunnel Little Falls, Minn.

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Under-the-sink food waste recycler gathers ground-up food from disposal and uses centrifugal force to separate out the water. Water goes down drain, and the food is held by the removeable basket inside unit.

Add-On Composter Fits Garbage Disposal

Barbara Di Lalla has been searching for a device that would allow her to grind up kitchen food waste for composting.

An avid gardener from Chester, Va., she wrote to FARM SHOW asking if we knew of an in-sink disposal unit that would allow her to capture ground-up food materials

We found one. The "Kich'n Komposter" gathers ground-up food from a disposal and uses centrifugal force to separate out the water. The water goes down the drain and Unit makes it easy to compost the food is held by the removable basket inside the unit.



garbage so it can be used to fer-tilize house plants or a garden. Since the unit can be turned on or off by the flip of a switch you can shut it

off when disposing of meat, dairy or other foods you don't want in your compost pile. A valve opens and closes the pipe to the composter.

The Kich'n Komposter comes with a one year warranty and sells for \$156, plus shipping.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Composters.com, Box 1684, Laguna Beach, Calif. 92652 (ph 877 204-7336 or 949 716-2000; website: http://www.composters.com/main.shtml).



Wendy Whipple makes rose-pink jelly out of apple peels.

Apple Peels Make Great Jelly

Wendy Whipple of Matteson, Illinois, hates waste so she was delighted when the recipe she discovered for apple peel jelly was a big hit with everyone who's tried it. Now, instead of dumping her peels on the compost pile, she makes a delicious treat.

"I picked four bushels of apples this fall to make applesauce and apple butter, for giving as Christmas gifts," Whipple explains. "I was peeling all these apples and it just seemed like such a waste, so I went on-line to see what I could do with them. After I got the jelly recipe on the internet, I tried it just for fun. I was using Red Delicious and Macintosh apples so the red peels make the jelly a beautiful rose-pink.'

Whipple gave a lot of the jelly away as Christmas gifts and says that everybody who tried it loves it.

"It was a huge hit. My husband was upset with me when he realized that I had given most of it away," she says. "The other great thing about it is that it's a breeze to make.3

Whipple's recipe is as follows: Place apple peels, lightly packed into a 4 1/ 2-qt. pot with five cups of water. Bring to a boil for 15 minutes, stirring as little as possible. Remove from heat, put the lid on the pot, and allow to stand overnight. (Optional, add a cinnamon stick when you let it sit overnight).

Strain the liquid into a measuring cup, and make certain you have five cups. Return to the pot, minus the peels. Gradually dissolve one box of pectin into the liquid and bring to a full rolling boil, over high heat. Add seven cups of sugar (all at once), stirring to dissolve. Return to boiling, and boil hard for one minute. Remove from heat, skim foam if necessary, and can into half-pint jelly jars. Process in a hot water bath for 10 minutes.

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Dan Jacobson came up with a quick hitch bracket that lets him use his ATV to pull his garbage container down his long driveway.

Tow-Behind Garbage Bin

"My driveway is 1 1/2 blocks long, so when my garbage container gets full it's quite a job to haul it to the end of the driveway, even though the container rides on a pair of wheels. That's why I decided to come up with a quick hitch bracket that lets me use my ATV to pull the container down to the road," says Dan Jacobson, Pequot Lakes, Minn.

The bracket consists of two parts. One part bolts to one side of the container. The other part is a 3-ft. long tongue that fits over the ball hitch on the ATV.

"I just tow the container to the end of the driveway. I can pull it with any vehicle equipped with a ball hitch."

The bracket is made out of tubular steel. Jacobson says he spent about \$65 to build it.

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Stovetop Distiller

This non-electric water distiller allows you to make pure water anywhere that you can produce heat.

Waterwise Purification Systems kids that, "You too, can own a legal still," and "People who taste your water will accuse you of bootlegging.

Whether it be an open fire while camping, a wood stove at the cabin, or a barbeque after a power outage on your kitchen stove, the Non-electric water distiller allows you 16 gal. of pure water per day.



Waterwise will steam distill up to to make safe drinking water anywhere that you can produce heat.

The stainless steel unit removes all impurities, leaving only the pure water, which some believe helps to dissolve unwanted mineral deposits in the body's joints. The triple-tier system catches water from the steam as it condenses. It takes about 90 minutes to distill 3 quarts when at a rolling boil. The unit sells for \$349 plus shipping.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Waterwise Purification Systems, P.O. Box 494000, Leesburg, Florida 34749 (ph 800 874-9028; fax 352 787-8123; email: sales@waterwise.com; website: www.waterwise.com).