# **BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP**

8 servings Vegan, Gluten free

## **Ingredients**

- One butternut squash \*
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small onion
- Water
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Flavored olive oil (lemon, garlic, etc.), optional
- Sea salt, for garnish, optional
- \* This recipe can also be used for carrot-ginger soup (6-8 large carrots, fresh grated ginger to taste), or pumpkin soup (1 small pumpkin).

#### Affordability - Cost of Meal

1 four-ounce serving: \$ .58 8 four-ounce servings: \$4.65

### **Rooted Nutritional Nugget**

Butternut Squash is a great source of Fiber and Beta-Carotene. High in cancer fighting antioxidants and great for bone health, eye health and supporting a healthy immune function!

#### Instructions

- 1. Peel and cube butternut squash. Dice onions. Mince garlic and ginger.
- 2. In heavy pot or Dutch oven, heat two tablespoons olive oil.
- 3. Add onions to pot, and cook until translucent, about 4 minutes.
- 4. Add garlic and squash to pot, cover, and reduce heat to medium-low. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking.
- 5. When vegetables are fork-soft, add water to cover half-way. \*
- 6. Remove pot from heat, and blend with an immersion blender until smooth. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 7. Ladle soup into bowls. Drizzle a little bit of flavored oil, and sprinkle with sea salt
- \* If you don't have an immersion blender, use a potato masher for fork *before* adding water. Make the squash as smooth as possible, and then add water to finish.



