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Getting the Most from What We Eat

Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs

As the fall harvest wraps up and our gardens slow down, many of us are enjoying the fruits (and vegetables) of our labour—roasted squash, fresh carrots, and maybe even a few lingering tomatoes. This season always gets me thinking about how we use what we grow, and a few conversations I've had over the years nudged me to reflect not just on what I eat, but how I prepare it.

One chat with an acupuncturist suggested that most vegetables are more nutritious when cooked, and another (classic family debate) revolved around carrots—raw or cooked? Naturally, I had to dig into the research, partly to prove someone wrong, but mostly because I was curious.

What I found was fascinating: while some vegetables lose nutrients when cooked, others become more digestible and even more nutritious. So, here's a quick summary of what I learned—no credentials, just curiosity!

Cooking Vegetables: What to Know

Cooking can help kill bacteria and make food easier to digest. It also changes the molecular structure of vegetables, sometimes boosting nutrient absorption and sometimes reducing it. Steaming is generally better than boiling, and sautéing is preferable to deep frying, which can destroy nutrients and create harmful compounds.

So. What's the Verdict?

It turns out both raw and cooked vegetables have their place. It's all about balance, taste, and what you want from your food. I'll still enjoy my salads—but maybe with a few roasted veggies on top—and make sure I'm getting a good mix of cooked vegetables at other meals.

Sources

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Want to learn more or get involved? Email us at chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com.

Raw vs Cooked: A Quick Guide			
Vegetable	Raw Benefits	Cooked Benefits	
Asparagus	High in vitamins A, B, C, and E, but hard to digest due to fibre.	Cooking breaks down fibre, improving nutrient absorption.	
Broccoli and Cabbage	Rich in vitamin C but can cause bloating.	Cooking boosts antioxidants like indoles, which may help fight precancerous cells.	
Carrots	Lower glycemic index when raw.	Cooking releases more beta-carotene, which converts to vitamin A.	
Kale	Nutrient-rich but may cause gas and bloating.	Easier to digest, though some nutrients are reduced.	
Onions	Stronger taste, more cancer-fighting compounds.	Milder taste, fewer cancer-fighting properties.	
Potatoes	Can cause bloating and contain antinutrients.	More digestible and tastier when cooked; sweet potatoes are also high in antioxidants.	
Red Peppers	High in vitamin C and polyphenols.	Cooking reduces these nutrients.	
Spinach	Rich in polyphenols.	Cooking boosts antioxidant properties.	
Tomatoes	High in vitamin C, which decreases when cooked.	Cooking increases lycopene, a powerful antioxidant.	













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July 25	20	20	\$674,450	\$663,750
June 25	22	19	\$592,500	\$584,600
May 25	21	22	\$674,400	\$669,500
April 25	23	21	\$739,000	\$735,500
March 25	15	16	\$664,900	\$666,250
February 25	25	19	\$669,000	\$682,000
January 25	11	8	\$682,450	\$675,000
December 24	8	15	\$649,900	\$662,000
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October 24	13	14	\$724,450	\$717,000

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*January 1 - September 30, 2025 (Stats current as of September 30, 2025 @ 11:59 pm. For more detailed market sales information, please contact Team Palmer)

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MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Raising Non-Anxious Kids

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca

Modern parenting has become highly involved. Many of us may hover, protect, and step in quickly to solve problems for our kids. While this comes from love, too much intervention can make it harder for children to build resilience, confidence, and coping skills. Add in the constant pull of screens and social media, and many kids grow up struggling with boredom, frustration, and independence.

A New Approach: Obstacle Parenting

Instead of removing every challenge, obstacle parenting gives kids space to face small struggles and learn from them. It's about doing less, not more, and trusting that kids can figure things out.

1. Resilience Comes Through Struggle

- Shielding kids from every difficulty robs them of practice in handling life's challenges.
- Small frustrations (like a tricky puzzle or waiting a few minutes for help) build patience and problem-solving skills.

2. Boredom Isn't Bad

- Constant stimulation from screens can dull curiosity.
- Letting kids experience boredom creates space for imagination, creativity, and self-discovery.

3. Screens and Social Media

- Technology isn't going away, but heavy use can lead to loneliness and anxiety.
- Balance matters: limiting screen time, teaching mindful use, and modelling healthy habits are key.

4. Parents Need Restraint Too

- Kids notice when adults are glued to their phones.
- Modelling presence—reading, drawing, or simply sitting quietly—teaches kids that life doesn't have to be constantly filled with screens.

Practical Tips for Parents

- Pause Before Helping: If your child asks for help, wait a few minutes. Encourage them to try first.
- Make Things Just a Bit Harder: Give challenges that require effort—like board games, chores, or puzzles.
- Encourage Real-World Play: Let kids play outside, climb, build, and explore with peers—even if it's messy or imperfect.



- Embrace Boredom: Remind kids (and yourself): "It's okay to be bored." Often, creativity follows.
- Create Screen-Free Zones: Mealtimes, bedtime routines, and family outings can be tech-free moments.
- Model Healthy Habits: Put your own phone down. Show your kids how to be present, curious, and engaged in the real world.
- Build Community: Rely on neighbours, friends, and extended family. Kids need more than just parents they thrive with a wider circle of support.

Obstacle parenting isn't about making life hard for children. It's about giving them space to:

- Build confidence.
- Develop focus and endurance.
- · Learn how to handle frustration.
- Discover creativity in boredom.
- Grow into resilient, less anxious adults.

Sometimes, the best gift we can give our kids is to step back, let them struggle a little, and trust that they can rise to the challenge.

Park Information

Park Hours: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Office Hours: Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Phone: 403-254-4148 Email: info@lakechap.ca

Website: www.lakechaparralra.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lakechapyyc

Instagram:@lakechapyyc

Please note that the entrance is closed 30 minutes prior to designated closure to allow our staff time to clear the facilities. The park may also close early due to weather, lack of residents accessing the space, seasonal off-peak months, or other issues as deemed valid by LCRA management. By default, the park and lake will be closed at temperatures of -25°C (without wind chill).

Reminders and Announcements

Membership Fees

The 2025-26 LCRA membership fees are now due. The deadline to pay fees this year was July 21. All fees must be paid to access the lake/park and are registered as an encumbrance on the property land titles in Lake Chaparral. All outstanding accounts are subject to interest and will not be permitted access at the front gate.

Starting on September 9, 2025, interest will be applied monthly to outstanding accounts at a rate of 1.5%.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 403-254-4148 or email info@lakechap.ca.

Safety Flag Reminder

The LCRA closely monitors the safety of the lake/lake ice for use; however, we cannot guarantee the lake/lake ice is free of all risks. Regardless of the status of the Safety Flag (details on status below), access is done at the sole risk of the member and their quests.

You can view the status of the Safety Flag by looking for the flags at the park, contacting the LCRA office at 403-254-4148, or by visiting our website at www.lakechaparralra.ca.

Red Flag = Waterfront and lake ice is closed to all users. Green Flag = Waterfront and lake ice is open to all users.

Monthly Email Communications

The LCRA aims to keep members informed with our monthly communications emails. If you are not receiving emails from the LCRA, please call the office at 403-254-4148 or send us an email at info@lakechap.ca and we will be happy to update your account.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Craft Fair

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2025

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The LCRA Christmas Craft Fair is back for a fourth year! Come by the Lakehouse and Function Room to see a range of local vendors—unique gifts, and more!

Please visit www.lakechaparralra.ca/events for all up-to-date information on upcoming events, programs, and activities.

Drop-In Programs

LCRA Senior Games

Mondays | 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Attention all seniors! Come out to socialize with your neighbours and friends, play games, and enjoy coffee at the lake house. Cost: \$1 per person, drop-in.

LCRA Walking Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Meet outside the Lake House (by the flags) at 10:00 am to start the walk. Walks usually last one hour, followed by a visit with coffee in the Lake House. \$0.50 per person, drop-in. Did you know that three laps around the walking path = two kilometres?

Registered Programs

Registration for the following programs are done with the individual instructor.

Program schedules are subject to change; please contact the program instructor directly for more details.

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Non-Residents Welcome

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- Musical Theatre (Ages 4 to 12)
- Hip Hop (Ages 4 to 9)

Please visit devotiondanceworks.com or contact Elizabeth Rieb at 403-828-9675 or elizabeth@ devotiondanceworks.com.



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Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:15 am

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Visit www.return2neutral.com/ for more information.

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Ages: 6 to 12

Time: 6:00 to 7:30 pm

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Lake Chaparral November Workshop: Winter Sports - Friday, November 21, 2025

Lake Chaparral December Workshop: Holiday Drawings - Friday, December 19, 2025

For more information, visit the Young Rembrandts website below: www.youngrembrandts.com/southernalberta/view-classes-enroll/.

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Thursdays, 7:15 to 8:15 pm

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For more information, visit the Feel Good Fitness CGY Facebook page at facebook.com/share/g/1A6pQwr28x/?mibextid=K35XfP.

First Friday Art Creations - Adult

Date: November 7, 2025 Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm Where: Function Room

Last Tuesday "Big and Little Creations"

Date: November 28, 2025 Time: 4:30 to 5:30 pm Where: Function Room

At Krystelle Creations, we bring people together through fun, creative art workshops that inspire connection and self-expression. Led by artist and educator Krystelle Celestino Wurtz, our events are designed to nurture your creativity and help you tell your story through art.

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Our Lake Chaparral Residents Association Board of Directors maintains an email address at bod@ lakechap.ca to hear your suggestions and feedback on large-scale governance, direction, and broad-scope improvements to the member experience.

For all operations, day-to-day, or management-related questions, please send emails to info@lakechap.ca.

Message from the General Manager

Hello Lake Chaparral!

November is a time for reflection and togetherness. On November 11, we pause to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Later this month, join us for our annual Christmas Craft Fair—a wonderful opportunity to shop local and celebrate the start of the festive season. We'll also be collecting donations for the Food Bank and running our Toy Drive, so please consider contributing if you're able.

As the temperatures drop, the lake ice is beginning to form. Please remember that even if it appears solid, it is not safe to walk or skate on until it has been officially approved. Our team monitors ice thickness and conditions closely, and the green flag will be raised once it's ready for skating and winter fun. Until then, for everyone's safety, please stay off the ice.

Wishing you a safe and joyful start to the holiday season! Take care.

Laura Bruch

General Manager



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