

# Plums

## Key Points

- ▶ A rich source of vitamin C and vitamin K. Contain carotenoids and flavonoids that may be good for health.
- ▶ Choose plump plums with smooth skins. Avoid bruises and soft spots.
- ▶ Wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh fruits and vegetables.
- ▶ Ripen on the counter first, then store in the refrigerator up to seven days.



## Quick Tips

- ▶ Freeze pitted plums and toss them into a blender along with other frozen fruits. Add 100 percent fruit juice and blend away for a tangy frozen treat.
- ▶ Plums are a perfect size for young children to eat and a great way to add purple to a colorful meal.
- ▶ Wash thoroughly with running water before peeling, cutting, or eating. Do not wash produce until ready to eat.
- ▶ Combine plums, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, oranges, honey, and mint to make an appetizing fruit salad for a snack or dessert.

## Roasted Fruit

Number of servings: 6

### Ingredients:

2 peaches  
2 nectarines  
2 plums  
2 sprigs fresh rosemary  
2-3 tablespoons sugar, depending on sweetness of fruit  
1 tablespoon canola oil  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
vanilla ice cream

### Directions:

- ▶ Heat oven to 400°F. Prick skins of peaches, nectarines, and plums with a fork, cut in half and remove pits.
- ▶ Chop into bite-size pieces and add to bowl. Toss in rosemary sprigs. Sprinkle sugar on top and drizzle oil and lime juice over all.
- ▶ Layer in a 9-by-13-inch roasting pan and roast fruit at 400°F until fork-tender, 15-20 minutes. Discard rosemary.
- ▶ Serve fruit warm with a dollop of ice cream.

**Per serving:** 100 calories; 4 g fat (1 g saturated fat); 1 g protein; 16 g carbohydrate; 2 g dietary fiber; 0 mg cholesterol; 45 mg sodium.

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