

CHICKPEA BURGERS



½ cup (125 mL) pecans
2 cups (500 mL) cooked **chickpeas*** or 1-19 oz (540 ml) can, drained and rinsed
3 tbsp (45 mL) canola oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 egg
¼ cup (50 mL) bread crumbs
1 cup (250 mL) chopped green onion
½ cup (125 mL) finely chopped fresh parsley
1 tsp (5 mL) dried rosemary
1 tbsp (15 mL) grated lemon rind
2 drops hot sauce
1 tsp (5 mL) Worcestershire sauce
Canola oil for brushing burger
Cheddar cheese, sliced (optional)
4 whole wheat buns, halved

SPREAD pecans on a baking sheet and bake for 5-8 minutes at 350°F. Let cool.

PURÉE chickpeas, pecans, canola oil, garlic and egg in food processor until smooth. Transfer into large bowl and stir in bread crumbs.

STIR green onions, parsley, rosemary, lemon rind, hot sauce and Worcestershire sauce into mixture.

FORM into 8 patties.

BRUSH patties with oil and fry over medium heat for 3 minutes per side.

PLACE each patty on bun half and top with cheese, lettuce or other fixings.

SERVE open-faced.

Makes: 8 servings

Nutritional Information (per serving with bun): 237 calories; 14 g fat; 7 g protein; 24 g carbohydrate; 4.3 g fibre; 0 mg cholesterol; 114 mg sodium.

