



# Local rutabaga

Availability:  
year-round

## Benefits

→ Because it can surprise even the most discerning palate!

Also known as “Swedish turnip,” the rutabaga is prepared in the same way as potatoes: mashed, baked, fried, roasted or made into fries or chips, etc. Seasoned with a bit of nutmeg and chopped parsley, it’s a pure delight!

→ Because it’s back in style!

Long associated with privation and poverty, the rutabaga can today be found in the kitchen of the world’s top chefs, a sweet revenge after years of ingratitude. The rutabaga is thought to have evolved from a cross between a turnip and kale.



## WHY EAT LOCAL ?

- To gain an awareness and appreciation of the different foods growing around us.
- To purchase produce that’s picked when ripe, guaranteeing exceptional freshness.
- To encourage Quebec farmers and support our local economy.
- To preserve our territory and agricultural expertise.
- To minimize the distances travelled by our food, thereby reducing the harmful environmental impacts.
- To reduce purchases of packaged and over-packaged food.

## Rutabaga and carrot salad à l'orange



PORTIONS: 4 TO 6

15 MIN

### Ingredients

- 1 L (4 cups) rutabaga, grated
- 500 ml (2 cups) carrots, grated
- 2 green onions, coarsely chopped
- 1 orange, diced
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) orange juice
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) white balsamic vinegar
- 60 ml (¼ cup) olive oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) maple syrup
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions

- 1 Combine the first 4 ingredients in a salad bowl
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining ingredients and pour the desired quantity on the vegetables. Toss to combine.
- 3 Adjust the seasoning.

Source: Julie Strecko, RD

## Rutabaga maple soup



PORTIONS: 4 TO 6

10 MIN 35 TO 40 MIN

### Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 celery stalk, coarsely chopped
- 1 L (4 cups) rutabaga, coarsely chopped
- 1.25 l (5 cups) chicken broth
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) maple syrup
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions

- 1 In a large pot, sauté the onion in the oil 2 to 3 min.
- 2 Add the vegetables and chicken stock and bring to a boil.
- 3 Let simmer 30 min or until the rutabaga is tender.
- 4 Transfer to a food processor and purée.
- 5 Add the maple syrup and mix.
- 6 Adjust the seasoning.

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## Bonus - for an original purée

- Cook equal quantities of potatoes, carrots and rutabaga in a broth until tender. Drain, reserving the broth, and then purée, adding a little cream and stock to obtain the desired consistency.

