Canning Steps: Boiling Water

- 1. Use reputable, research-based recipe
- 2. Prep work area, food & jars *Sterilize jars if <10 minutes processing time*
- 3. Heat canner water (not boiling) Hot pack: 180°F, Raw pack: 140°F
- 4. Jars in canner
 1" water over top of jars
 2" if processing time > 30 minutes
- 5. Lid on; high heat
- 6. Vigorous boil? Start timing *Adjust for altitude*
- 7. Adjust heat to maintain gentle boil
- 8. Ding! Timer off; heat off; lid off
- 9. Wait \leq 5 minutes
- 10. Jars out
- 11. Cool jars, undisturbed 12-24 hours Check seal; remove rings; clean jars
- 12. Label and store sealed jars Cool, dry, dark location Use within 1 year for best quality

Canning Steps: Steam

- 1. Use reputable, researched-based recipe
- Prep work area, food & jars
 Sterilize jars if <10 minutes processing time
- 3. Heat canner water (not boiling) Hot pack: 180°F, Raw pack: 140°F
- 4. Jars in canner; lid on; high heat
- 5. Steady 6-8" column of steam? Start timing Green zone on temp sensor Adjust for altitude Max 45 minutes
- 6. Adjust heat to maintain gentle boil Steady 6-8" column of steam
- 7. Ding! Timer off; heat off
- 8. Wait 2-3 minutes
- 9. Lid off, jars out
- 10. Cool jars, undisturbed 12-24 hours Check seal; remove rings; clean jars
- 11. Label and store sealed jars Cool, dry, dark location Use within 1 year for best quality



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Canning Steps: Pressure

- 1. Use reputable, research-based recipe
- 2. Prep work area, food & jars
- 3. Heat 2-3" canner water (not boiling) Hot pack: 180°F, Raw pack: 140°F
- Jars in canner; lid on; weight off; high heat 4.
- 5. Vent 10 minutes
- 6. Weight on
- Bring to pressure listed in recipe 7.
- Start timer; process; adjust heat as needed 8.
- Ding! Timer off; heat off 9.
- Wait until pressure drops to 0 10.
- 11. Weight off
- 12. Cool 10 minutes more
- 13. Lid off; jars out
- Cool jars, undisturbed 12-24 hours 14. Check seal; remove rings; clean jars
- 15. Label and store sealed jars Cool, dry, dark location Use within 1 year for best quality



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Canning Soups: No Reputable Recipe?

- 1. Select, wash, and prepare vegetables, meat and seafood.
- 2. Cover meat with water, cook until tender. Cool meat, remove bones.
- 3. Cook vegetables as described for a hot pack.

For each cup of dried beans or peas, add 3 cups of water, boil 2 minutes, remove from heat, soak 1 hour, heat to boil and drain.

- 4. Combine solid ingredients. Cover with broth, tomatoes, or water.
- 5. Do not add thickening agents before canning (noodles or other pasta, rice, flour, cream, milk, etc.) Do not puree.
- 6. Boil 5 minutes. Salt to taste, if desired.
- 7. Fill jars with half solid mixture and half soup liquid, leaving 1-inch headspace.
- 8. Place lids and rings on jars and process, adjusting for altitude.

Soups in a weighted-gauge pressure canner at altitudes of:								
Style of Pack	Jar Size	Process Time	0 - 1,000 ft	Above 1,000 ft				
Hot	Pints	60* min	10 lb	15 lb				
	Quarts	75*	10	15				

Soups in a **dial-gauge pressure canner** at altitudes of:

Style of Pack	Jar Size	Process Time	0 - 2,000 ft	2,001 - 4,000 ft	4,001 - 6,000 ft	6,001 - 8,000 ft
Hot	Pints	60* min	11 lb	12 lb	13 lb	14 lb
	Quarts	75*	11	12	13	14

*Contains seafood? Process 100 minutes, adjust for altitude.