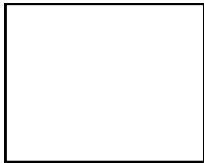




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### Autumn Pumpkin Chili Recipe

This is a different but tasty fall-inspired recipe which is sure to tempt even the most picky of eaters!

#### Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 small green pepper, chopped
- 1 small sweet yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 can (15 oz) solid-pack pumpkin (not pie filling)
- 1 can (14 oz) diced tomatoes
- 5 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Optional topping: shredded cheddar and sour cream



#### Directions:

1. Saute the onion and green and yellow peppers in olive oil in a large skillet until tender.
2. Add garlic, cook 1 minute longer. Crumble turkey into skillet. Cook over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Stir in the pumpkin, tomatoes, chili powder, pepper and salt.
3. Transfer mixture to a 4 qt pot. Bring to a boil, stirring regularly. Once boiling, reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes.
4. Serve with sour cream and shredded cheddar cheese as garnish.

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### Anode Rods Save Water Heaters

The average storage tank water heater lasts 12-15 years. Like all averages, some last shorter and others longer. If there's one single thing you can do to assure that your home's water heater survives to the far end of the scale and beyond, it's to have it regularly serviced, in particular, replacing the anode rod(s) when necessary.

If you're like most homeowners, you probably have never seen your water heater's anode rod and don't even know what it is. Anode rods are made of magnesium or aluminum, or a combination of aluminum, zinc, and tin. These rods are wrapped around a steel core and screwed upside down inside the top of a water tank. Smaller water heaters will have a single anode rod, while bigger models could have two or more. Commercial water heaters may have as many as five.

The main function of anode rods is to prevent corrosion of your water heater tank and internal components. They are often called "sacrificial" anode rods, because they prevent corrosion by an electrochemical reaction with impurities in your water, which causes the anode rods to waste away gradually. They sacrifice themselves so your tank may live. Once a water heater tank rusts through, there is no possibility of repair, only replacement.

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Anode rods typically last around 3-5 years, but that can vary quite a bit depending on your water quality, usage, water temperature, and the quality of your water heater's metal parts. Water softeners may speed up the process. Anodes can corrode in as little as six months if the water is over-softened.

When there's no sacrificial metal left on the rod, the tank will quickly rust out. Sometimes a depleted anode rod will break off and fall to the bottom of the water heater tank, where it will cause rapid deterioration of the tank lining and radically shorten the life of your water heater.

If your faucet aerators start clogging up more frequently, that may be a sign of a deteriorated anode rod. You may notice a slimy gel-like substance when cleaning a faucet aerator. Another signal could be a "rotten egg" odour emanating from your hot water.

The odour is caused by anode rods reacting with otherwise harmless bacteria that feed off of hydrogen gas produced by magnesium anode rods. One way of solving the problem is to switch to aluminum/zinc/tin rods and change them more frequently. It's less expensive to replace anode rods than an entire water heater.

The only sure way to tell if an anode rod is near the end of its useful life is to remove the tank top and make a visual inspection. Most people don't know how or don't want to do this. It's one of the most important services provided by our technicians. Our technicians can also flush out your water heater to remove harmful sediment that builds up inside your water heater leading to decreased efficiency and deterioration.



### Fall Foliage Destinations

Fall is the perfect time of year to experience the beauty of nature. This list highlights some destinations across the country where this season paints the landscape with beautiful autumnal hues.

- 1) **The Rocky Mountains, Alberta.** Try Johnston's Canyon, Tunnel Mountain & Lake Agnes.
- 2) **Algonquin Park, Ontario.** Beautiful lakes and forest colours. Consult the Algonquin Fall Colour Report.
- 3) **Agawa Canyon, Ontario.** Take a ride on the Algoma Central Railway train for breathtaking views.
- 4) **Fall Foliage Romance by Rail, Ontario & Quebec.** Enjoy a romantic 6 day/night train ride from Toronto to Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax.
- 5) **Niagara Parkway, Ontario.** Winston Churchill called it "The prettiest Sunday afternoon drive in the world."
- 6) **The Bruce Peninsula, Ontario.** Experience 1,000 year old trees while hiking on this most beautiful part of the Bruce Trail.
- 7) **The Laurentian Mountains, Quebec.** One of the most beautiful displays of all foliage in North America.
- 8) **Prince Edward Island.** Has one of the longest fall foliage periods in northeastern North America.
- 9) **The Cabot Trail, Cape Breton Island.** Hailed as one of the world's most beautiful drives.
- 10) **Fundy Coastal Drive, New Brunswick.** Enjoy the vivacious reds and deep oranges along with the highest tides in the world.

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## Time Does Not Equal Money

The vast majority of our customers appreciate that we charge by the job rather than the time it takes to complete it. Before our technician breaks out the tools, customers know exactly how much the job will cost and have the option of agreeing to or declining the work. On occasion, someone complains when a technician finishes very quickly. "But how can you charge that much when the repair took only 15 minutes!"

Two things to keep in mind: First, every price must account for travel time to and from the job as well as time spent doing the work, plus overhead. Second, you pay not only for the labour involved, but for the knowledge of that technician.

A given repair might only require replacing a little part.

But the value of our skilled technician comes from knowing which part to replace.

It's analogous to an auto mechanic. Most of us at some point have paid a high bill merely to have a small, inexpensive part replaced. But when we made the appointment, we didn't know what the problem was. What we really paid for was the mechanic's ability to correctly diagnose what was wrong. And for the confidence we had in that mechanic to be able to identify a serious problem if that's what it was.

Likewise, our technicians are licenced professionals whose most valuable skills lie in correctly diagnosing a problem and skillfully performing the necessary repair.

Even more than that, our technicians have been background-checked and drug tested for your safety. They also have to do regular upgrading on their skills and on new equipment to serve you better.

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**Free**

**Water Heater Inspection**

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