DIRECT-GRILLING VEGGIES

Before grilling, rinse, trim, cut up, and precook vegetables as directed below. To precook veggies, bring a small amount of water to boiling in a saucepan, added desired vegetable, and simmer, covered, for the time specified below. Drain well. Generously brush vegetables with olive oil or melted butter before grilling to prevent sticking. For a gas or charcoal grill, grill according to the directions below.

| VEGETABLE | PREPARATION | PRECOOKING TIME | GRILLING INSTRUCTIONS |
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| ASPARAGUS | Snap off and discard tough, woody bases from stems. | Do not precook | Grill 7 to 10 minutes, covered, over medium heat. Grill perpendicular to grates so asparagus doesn't fall through, place on a piece of heavy foil, or use a grill basket. |
| CARROTS | Cut off carrot tops. Wash and peel carrots. | 3 to 5 minutes | Grill 3 to 5 minutes, covered, over medium heat; grill perpendicular to grates so carrots don't fall through, place on a piece of heavy foil, or use a grill basket. |
| CORN ON THE COB | Peel back husks and remove silks. Replace husks around corn. Place corn with husks in a bowl or pan. Cover with water. Soak 1 hour; drain. Tie husks at the top with strips of husk or 100% cotton kitchen string. Remove husk strips or string and pull down husks to serve. | Do not precook | Grill 25 to 30 minutes, covered, over medium heat. |
| EGGPLANT | Cut off tops. If smaller diameter, cut lengthwise into 1-inch-thick slices; if larger, cut crosswise. | Do not precook | Grill 8 to 12 minutes, covered, over medium heat. |
| FENNEL | Snip off feathery fronds. Cut off stems and base. Remove core; cut into thick wedges. | 5 minutes | Grill 8 minutes, covered, over medium heat. |
| MUSHROOMS | Remove stems and scrape out gills of larger mushrooms, such as portobellos. | Do not precook | Grill large mushrooms for 10 to 12 minutes, covered, over medium heat. Grill small mushrooms for 6 to 8 minutes, covered, over medium heat on grates, on a piece of heavy foil, or in a grill basket. |
| ONIONS, white, yellow, and red | Peel and cut into 1-inch crosswise slices. | Do not precook | Grill 10 minutes, covered, over medium heat, turning halfway through grilling. |
| POTATOES baking | Scrub potatoes; prick with a fork. Wrap individually in a double thickness of foil. | Do not precook | Grill 1 to 1 ½ hours, covered, over medium heat, turning every 15 minutes. |
| POTATOES new | Halve larger potatoes. | 10 mins or until nearly tender; drwain well | Grill 10 to 12 minutes, covered, over medium heat on grates, on a piece of heavy foil, or in a grill basket. |
| SWEET PEPPERS | No prep needed for mini peppers. For regular size, remove stems, halve peppers lengthwise, remove seeds, and cut into 1-inch-wide strips. | Do not precook | Grill 6 to 8 minutes, covered, over medium heat. If desired, use a grill basket. |
| TOMATOES | For large tomatoes, remove cores; cut in half crosswise. No prep needed for grape and cherry tomatoes. | Do not precook | Grill large tomatoes for 5 minutes, covered, over medium heat. Grill grape and cherry tomatoes for 5 to 7 minutes, covered, in a grill basket (stir once). |
| ZUCCHINI OR YELLOW SUMMER SQUASH | Cut lengthwise into 4 slices. | Do not precook | Grill 5 to 6 minutes, covered, over medium heat. |

