



# Chayote

## Health Benefits of Chayote

This fruit in the squash family has the mildness of zucchini with the crunch of a cucumber. All parts are edible including skin and seed. Chayote can be used as a fruit or as a vegetable, raw or cooked.

### 1 cup raw chayote provides:

- 25 calories, 1 gm protein, 2 gm fiber, no fat, no cholesterol

### Potential benefits of chayote:

- Excellent source of antioxidants including vitamin C and quercetin that fight inflammation and boost immunity and healing
- High in folate which prevents birth defects, regulates DNA and homocysteine and reduces risk of heart disease
- Good source of manganese and vitamin K important for healthy bone formation, blood clotting and blood sugar regulation
- Rich in potassium and low in sodium for healthy blood pressure
- Fiber helps lower blood sugars and cholesterol, aids in weight management and supports a healthy microbiome
- Dice raw with skins and seeds for salad, slaw, salsa or sandwiches, steam, sauté or roast like squash, or toss in soups or stews



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