## Crunchy Granola

## **Ingredients**

- •10 cups old fashioned and/or steel cut oats (I use a combo)
- •1 c. unsweetened coconut flakes
- •1 ½ cups of nuts and/or seeds (sunflower seeds, almonds, pecans, etc.)
- •½ cup hemp seeds
- •¼ cup chia seeds
- •½ cup ground flax seeds
- •1 cup chocolate chips

Prep: 10 min. Cook: 90 min Yields: 15 cups

- •½ tsp salt
- •2 Tbsp cinnamon
- •½ cup coconut oil
- •1 ½ cups maple syrup or agave nectar
- •2 Tbsp Vanilla extract
- •1 Tbsp almond extract
- •Optional:  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  cups dried fruit (ie raisins or dried cranberries) for after baking.

## Crunchy Granola Cont.

- •Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
- •Stir together the dry ingredients (oats, seeds, nuts, coconut flakes, salt, cinnamon, and chocolate chips.) except the dried fruit
- •Warm the coconut oil in microwave or on stovetop.
- •In a separate bowl, whisk together the oil, maple syrup, and the extracts until it becomes a smooth syrup.
- •Add syrup to dried ingredients. Stir until evenly coated.
- •Grease or cover in parchment paper, 2 18x13 in pans.
- •Pour the granola onto the pans, spread evenly
- •Put the pans in the oven, stirring every 30 minutes. After 90 minutes, turn off the oven and leave in granola for up to 4 hours.
- •Once out of the oven and cooled, add dried fruit if you wish.
- •Store in sealed container for up to 3 weeks