

## **BREAKFAST BREAD**

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## YOU WILL NEED:

- 2 cups white whole-wheat flour
- 2 cups quick oats
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons ground flax seed
- 6 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- ¾ cup pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (1 medium lemon)
- 4 ripe bananas
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1- 11/2 cups chopped pecans
- 1 11/2 cups chopped walnuts
- 11/2 cups chopped dates

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. In a small bowl, mix the flaxseed and water and set aside.
- 3. In a large bowl, mash the ripe bananas until they become a thick paste. Add the vanilla, maple syrup, lemon juice, applesauce, and thickened flaxseed. Stir to combine.
- 4. In another bowl, mix all the dry ingredients including the nuts and dates. Pour into the wet ingredients and gently stir until well mixed. Batter will be thick.
- 5. Spray three  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep pans with a non-stick baking spray. Divide the batter evenly between three medium loaf pans.
- 6. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until a knife inserted in the middle comes out clean. Remove from pans and let cool on a cooling rack. These loaves freeze well.

## **YIELDS:**

3 medium-sized loaves

