Canning Steps: Boiling Water

- 1. Use reputable, research-based recipe
- Prep work area, food & jars
 Sterilize jars if <10 minutes processing time
- Heat canner water (not boiling)
 Hot pack: 180°F, Raw pack: 140°F

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Jars in canner

- 1" water over top of jars
 2" if processing time > 30 minutes
- 5. Lid on; high heat
- Vigorous boil? Start timing
 Adjust for altitude

 Adjust heat to maintain centle
- 7. Adjust heat to maintain gentle boil
- 8. Ding! Timer off; heat off; lid off
- 9. Wait ≤ 5 minutes
- 10. Jars out
- 11. Cool jars, undisturbed 12-24 hours Check seal; remove rings; clean jars
- Label and store sealed jars
 Cool, dry, dark location Use within 1 year for best quality



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Canning Steps: Steam

- Use reputable, researched-based recipe
- Prep work area, food & jars
 Sterilize jars if <10 minutes processing time
- 3. Heat canner water (not boiling)
 Hot pack: 180°F, Raw pack: 140°F
- Jars in canner; lid on; high heat
- 5. Steady 6-8" column of steam? Start timing Green zone on temp sensor
 Adjust for altitude
 Max 45 minutes
- Adjust heat to maintain gentle boil Steady 6-8" column of steam
- 7. Ding! Timer off; heat off
- 8. Wait 2-3 minutes
- 9. Lid off, jars out
- 10. Cool jars, undisturbed 12-24 hours Check seal; remove rings; clean jars
- Label and store sealed jars
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