# Cilantro-Lime Pasta Salad

4 – 5 Servings | 15 minutes

### **Pasta Ingredients:**

- 8 ounces dried whole wheat rotini pasta
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 mango, peeled and cut into cubes
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped

## **Dressing Ingredients:**

- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup lime juice
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper



#### **Directions:**

- 1. Cook pasta according to package directions.
- 2. While pasta is cooking, finely chop red onion, chop red bell pepper and cut mango.
- 3. Drain pasta once it is finished cooking and run under cold water.
- 4. Put cold pasta into medium-sized bowl. Add red onion, red bell pepper and mango to the pasta.
- 5. To make dressing, chop cilantro into fine pieces.
- 6. Combine cilantro, lime juice, oil, sugar, salt, garlic powder, cumin and cayenne pepper in a small bowl. Mix well. Pour dressing over pasta, toss gently to coat.
- 7. Serve immediately or refrigerate for up to 5 days.

#### Notes:

- This recipe can be made in advanced and used for lunch throughout the week.
- Add lean protein (ex: chicken or black beans) to make it a balanced meal.