### A creamy option for vegans

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As promised, here is the recipe for cashew cream that accompanies the aloo tikki from last week. We have run the chana masala recipe several times before, so if you want that one, you'll have to email us or Google!

The trick to cashew cream is that you need raw cashews, not roasted. ... And it would be best if they are soaked overnight. That extra time soaking allows them to absorb more water, so that when you purée it, you get a much softer, creamier consistency.



#### What's Cookin'

Use the cashew cream any place you would cook or garnish with sour cream. It will not substitute for sour cream in baked goods such as cheesecake though.

Hope this helps for those of you with vegetarians and vegans in the house over the holidays!

Have fun and keep cooking!

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#### Cashew Cream

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 cup raw cashews
- 1 tsp cider vinegar
- 1 tsp fresh squeezed lemon juice
- Pinch or two coarse salt
- Freshly ground black pepper (optional)

#### METHOD

- 1. Place cashews in a bowl and cover with cold water. Soak for at least 2 hours or as long as overnight.
  - 2. Drain and rinse the cashews.
  - 3. Place all ingredients in a food proces-



sor and process until smooth, adding one quarter of a cup of cold water through the feed tube as you process. Continue until cream is smooth. You can add more water if you like to make the cream looser.

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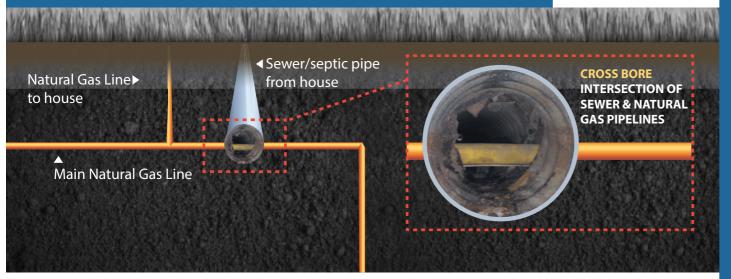
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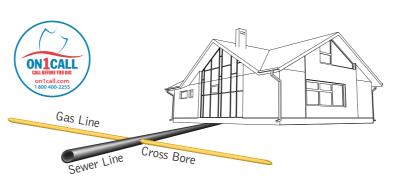
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