Put Scraps to Use!

Many fruits and vegetables have parts that are usually thrown away, but can actually add flavor and nutrition to your diet if you know how to use them. Selecting whole vegetables with tops, stems, or rind intact can also be less expensive than trimmed or pre-cut.

Citrus peels
Add a slice of peel to hot tea, or finely grate the outermost rind (zest) to impart a pure citrus flavor to baked goods, seafood, or steamed vegetables. For longer shelf life, dry or candy the peels.

Leaves and stems
Saute or stew the leaves and stems of beets, radishes, cauliflower, or turnips. Peel and grate broccoli stems for salads and slaw (see the recipe on the other side).

Squash seeds
The seeds inside butternut and kabocha squash (and pumpkins, too!) can be washed and toasted for a delicious snack.
Broccoli Stem and Carrot Slaw

Serves: 6-8  Total Time: 1 hour

Ingredients:
- 6 broccoli stems, peeled and grated
- 4 carrots, grated
- 3 celery ribs, thinly sliced
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 green apple, skin on, thinly sliced
- 1 ½ cup plain Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Kosher salt

Directions:
1. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Season to taste.
2. Let sit for at least 1 hour before serving.

Crispy Potato Peels

Serves: 4  Total Time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:
- 2 cups potato peels (washed)
- 3 tbsp oil or melted butter
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp garlic powder

Directions:
1. Heat the oven to 400°F. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.
2. Toss the peels with oil and seasonings until peels are thoroughly coated.
3. Roast for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring halfway through roasting, and remove the peels once they are golden brown and crispy.
4. Eat immediately with ketchup, hot sauce, or anything you like!