



A TASTEFUL PLACE  
AT THE DALLAS ARBORETUM

## RECIPE

Hero Vegetable: **Spinach**

### **Spinach Basil Pesto**

**Ingredients:**

1 cup spinach, packed  
¾ cup basil leaves, packed  
½ cup almonds, toasted  
¼ cup parmesan cheese  
3 cloves garlic  
2 tsp lemon juice  
salt to taste  
olive oil

**Directions:**

In a blender or food processor, blend all the ingredients using a ¼ cup olive oil and a ½ teaspoon of salt to start. Add more olive oil until smooth. Refrigerate for a couple hours before serving so the flavors will come together. At first taste, this pesto will not have a pleasant flavor (it will be a bit bitter) so hold off adding salt until after the refrigeration time has lapsed. At this time, you'll notice the flavors have melded. Add salt if needed.