Four work lunches from one roasted vegetable batch

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A four-lunch rotation planner for one roasted-vegetable batch, with a row per lunch for its components, what stays separate, fridge or freezer, and the morning packing checks.

What you need

- Vegetables and ingredients from a chosen recipe
- Suitable food-storage containers and lids
- Frozen cold packs and insulated lunch carrier
- Labels and a food thermometer

Steps

1. Plan one vegetable batch

Choose a roasted-vegetable recipe, such as the linked Food Hero recipe, and four lunch combinations. Plan which components require refrigeration and which stay dry.

2. Prepare and portion

Cook according to the selected recipe and promptly portion and refrigerate according to USDA guidance. Keep dressings and crisp additions separate when useful.

3. Choose storage or freezing

Refrigerate cooked leftovers within two hours, or one hour in air over 90°F (32°C). Use refrigerated leftovers within three to four days or freeze promptly; USDA FSIS gives 3 to 4 months in the freezer for quality. Thaw in the fridge; if reheating leftovers, heat them to 165°F (74°C).

4. Pack each morning

Pack the day's lunch in an insulated carrier with at least two frozen cold sources, as USDA FSIS bag-lunch guidance advises, and refrigerate it on arrival if a refrigerator is available.

Tips

- Follow the linked Food Hero roasting recipe; use USDA guidance for cooling, storage and reheating.
- Check actual glass-container capacities and lid directions; no universal oven or freezer suitability is implied.
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Sources

Oregon State University Food Hero: roasted vegetables

https://foodhero.org/recipes/roasted-vegetables

Use the source for its recipe. Follow USDA food-safety guidance for storage and reheating.

USDA FSIS leftovers and food safety

https://www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/safe-food-handling-and-preparation/food-safety-basics/leftovers-and-food-safety

2-hour rule, 3 to 4 days refrigerated, 3 to 4 months frozen for quality, thaw in the refrigerator, reheat to 165°F.

USDA FSIS: Keeping “bag” lunches safe

https://www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/safe-food-handling-and-preparation/food-safety-basics/keeping-bag-lunches-safe

“pack at least two ice sources with perishable food”; refrigerate on arrival if available.

Full guide: https://figurenook.com/guides/four-work-lunches-from-one-roasted-vegetable-batch/

Four-lunch rotation planner

Batch log

Recipe used: _____ Roasted on: _____

In fridge by: _____ Use refrigerated by: _____

Four-lunch rotation

Lunch	Eat on	Vegetables	Grain or protein	Kept separate	Fridge or freezer	2 cold packs	If reheated, 165°F
Lunch 1						☐	☐
Lunch 2						☐	☐
Lunch 3						☐	☐
Lunch 4						☐	☐

USDA FSIS: refrigerated leftovers 3 to 4 days; frozen leftovers 3 to 4 months for quality; thaw in the refrigerator; if reheating, heat to 165°F. Bag lunches: pack at least two cold sources.