## Taco Lasagna

## 9 – 12 servings

Taco Lasagna may become a new family favorite. Make it on the weekend and eat it all week long! It freezes well too.

- 1 lb. lean ground beef (ground turkey works well also)
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large bell pepper, diced
- 3 Tbsp taco seasoning (or 1 packet)
- ½ cup water
- 1 can black beans, canned, reduced sodium, drained
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can refried beans, (look for vegetarian or low-fat)
- 1 cup low fat sour cream or plain Greek Yogurt
- 1 pkg corn tortillas; cut in-half
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
  - 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat 9" X 13" pan with non-stick cooking spray.
  - 2 On the stove top in a large skillet, brown ground beef along with onions & peppers. Cook thoroughly and drain fat.
  - 3 Add taco seasoning, water, black beans, and Rotel tomatoes to the beef mixture. Combine well. Bring mixture to a boil then reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes.
  - 4 Line bottom of 9" X 13" pan with a single layer of tortilla halves.
  - 5 Spread <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> the can of refried beans over the tortillas.
  - 6 Use ½ of the sour cream placing small dollops on the refried bean layer. Spread evenly
  - 7 Next, layer 1/3 of the beef mixture
  - 8 Top beef mixture with ½ of the cheddar and mozzarella
  - 9 Repeat layers with a single layer of tortilla halves, the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of refried beans and sour cream, and 1/3 of the beef mixture.
  - 10 Finish layering with a single layer of tortilla halves, the last 1/3 of the beef mixture and the remaining shredded cheese.
  - 11 Cover dish tight with foil, place in oven for 30 minutes to heat through (165 degrees F). Remove foil and bake an additional 10 minutes.
  - 12 Remove from oven, cover, and let stand at least 10 minutes before cutting.

Serving idea: Serve Taco Lasagna with a lettuce salad, fruit, and a glass of milk.

