Bursting with a sweetly tart flavor and vibrant red color, red raspberries are among the most widely enjoyed berries in the United States. While growing and nurturing this delicate fruit is a 12-month operation, the intense summer harvest season lasts only a few weeks. The best way to enjoy this summer sensation year-round is to head to the freezer aisle.
WHY FROZEN RASPBERRIES?

Picked at peak ripeness, red raspberries are frozen within hours of harvest—often on the same farm as they were grown. Only the highest quality raspberries are selected for freezing, and the gentle flash-freezing process maintains the fruit’s flavor and nutrient integrity.

TOP 10 FACTS ABOUT FROZEN RASPBERRIES

1. 80 calories per cup
2. More fiber than any other berry: 9 grams per cup or 36% Daily Value
3. One of the lowest in natural sugar content compared to other berries
4. High in vitamin C, providing 60% Daily Value per cup
5. Frozen at peak of ripeness
6. Packed with phytochemicals that may help slow the aging process and may reduce the risk of certain diseases
7. Offer convenience and consistent quality right out of the freezer
8. No waste or spoilage
9. Available year-round
10. Contain no added sugar or preservatives

Data from USDA Nutrient Database SR27, accessed June 2015.
The sweet and tart flavors of raspberries make them very versatile from a culinary standpoint, pairing well with fruits such as lemon, key lime, apricot, peach, and plum; spices and herbs such as mint, ginger, cinnamon, chili, or thyme; dairy and cheeses such as goat cheese, ricotta, yogurt or custard; and can bring out the best in chocolate or vanilla flavors. Chefs add acid to enhance flavor, and raspberries naturally have this and can complement stronger flavors, such as jalapeno (think raspberry salsa!).

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BAKING
When baking with frozen raspberries, leave them frozen until you are ready to add to the batter so they maintain their integrity and won’t “bleed.”

AS A TOPPING
Scoop frozen raspberries into your bowl of steaming hot oatmeal to help cool it down and add flavor.

IN BEVERAGES
Add frozen raspberries into water, iced tea or lemonade to help chill and add flavor.

Visit www.redrazz.org for raspberry recipes covering sweet to savory, to soups and smoothies!

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