

The Definitive BBQ Seasoning Resource

Homemade Seasonings, Rubs & Pantry Mixes for Backyard BBQ Season

Backyard BBQ season is not just about firing up the grill. It is about flavor. Burgers, steaks, ribs, chicken, seafood, pasta salads, grilled corn, potatoes, foil packets, rice bowls, and cookout sides all need the right seasoning to bring them to life.

That is where homemade seasoning mixes earn their spot in the pantry. Instead of buying bottle after bottle of store-bought blends, you can make your own seasonings, rubs, dry mixes, and copycat blends with simple pantry ingredients.

This guide brings together the best BBQ-friendly seasonings, rubs, copycat blends, and pantry mixes from This Old Baker. Use it as your summer grilling shortcut, your meal prep flavor guide, and your homemade pantry seasoning resource.

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Burger & Steak Seasonings

Burger Seasoning

A solid burger seasoning is one of the most useful blends to keep on hand for backyard cookouts. Use it for hamburger patties, sliders, meatballs, grilled potatoes, or even cheeseburger bowls.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/burger-seasoning/>

Copycat Grill Mates Burger Seasoning Mix

This copycat-style burger blend brings big cookout flavor to homemade patties without needing a store-bought bottle. It is especially useful for grilled burgers, smash burgers, and summer meal prep.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-grill-mates-burger-seasoning-mix/>

Copycat McCormick's Smash Seasoning

Smash burgers need bold seasoning because they cook fast and rely on that crispy seared crust. This blend is perfect for Blackstone burgers, griddle burgers, and skillet-style cookout meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-mccormicks-smash-seasoning/>

Copycat Montreal Steak Seasoning

A bold, peppery steakhouse-style blend that works beautifully on steaks, burgers, kabobs, potatoes, and grilled vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-montreal-steak-seasoning/>

Steak Rub

A steak rub belongs in every BBQ pantry. Use it for grilled steaks, steak bites, beef skewers, burgers, and hearty summer dinners.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/steak-rub/>

BBQ Rubs & Smoker Favorites

Texas Style Dry Rub

Big, bold, peppery flavor made for brisket, beef ribs, steaks, smoked meats, and serious backyard BBQ.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/texas-style-dry-rub/>

Kansas City Rib Rub

A sweet, smoky rib rub perfect for ribs, pulled pork, chicken, and classic backyard BBQ plates.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/kansas-city-rib-rub/>

South Carolina Mustard Dry Rub

This tangy mustard-forward dry rub is perfect for pork, chicken, ribs, and smoked meats when you want Carolina-style BBQ flavor.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/south-carolina-mustard-dry-rub/>

Pork Rub Seasoning

A pork rub is one of the most versatile BBQ blends to keep around. Use it for pork chops, pulled pork, ribs, tenderloin, and smoked shoulder.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/pork-rub-seasoning/>

Copycat Kinder's Brown Sugar BBQ Rub

Sweet and smoky with that classic BBQ flavor profile. This works beautifully on ribs, pork, chicken, and grilled vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-brown-sugar-bbq-rub/>

Copycat Kinder's Hickory Brown Sugar Rub & Seasoning

A hickory-style sweet rub that fits perfectly with smoker meals, ribs, pulled pork, grilled chicken, and BBQ foil packets.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-hickory-brown-sugar-rub-seasoning/>

BBQ Popcorn Seasoning

This may be a popcorn seasoning, but the smoky BBQ flavor makes it fun for fries, snack mixes, roasted nuts, and party bowls during cookout season.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/bbq-popcorn-seasoning/>

Chicken & Poultry Seasonings

Rotisserie Chicken Seasoning

Classic savory chicken flavor that works for grilled chicken, roasted chicken, meal prep chicken, and chicken salad leftovers.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/rotisserie-chicken-seasoning/>

Copycat KFC Seasoning Mix

A nostalgic comfort-food seasoning blend that works for chicken, breaded cutlets, oven-fried meals, and summer chicken sandwiches.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kfc-seasoning-mix/>

Copycat Nashville Hot Chicken Seasoning

Bold heat for wings, chicken sandwiches, grilled chicken, and spicy summer cookout plates.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-nashville-hot-chicken-seasoning/>

Southwest Chicken Seasoning

Perfect for grilled chicken bowls, taco salads, burrito bowls, wraps, and easy summer meal prep.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/southwest-chicken-seasoning/>

Turkey Seasoning Rub

Not just for holidays. This herb-forward rub can work on turkey burgers, grilled turkey tenderloin, chicken, vegetables, and sheet pan meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/turkey-seasoning-rub/>

Lemon Pepper Seasoning

Bright, citrusy, and perfect for grilled chicken, seafood, vegetables, wings, and summer pasta salads.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/lemon-pepper-seasoning/>

Garlic Herb Complete Seasoning Mix

A true all-purpose kitchen workhorse for chicken, vegetables, potatoes, seafood, pasta salad, and grilled bread.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/garlic-herb-complete-seasoning-mix/>

Copycat Kinder's Seasonings

20+ Copycat Kinder Seasonings You Can Make at Home

This roundup is a great companion resource for anyone who loves Kinder's-style seasonings and wants homemade versions for grilling, smoking, burgers, chicken, potatoes, and vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/20-copycat-kinder-seasonings-you-can-make-at-home/>

Copycat Kinder's The Blend Mix

A simple garlic, salt, and pepper-style blend that belongs beside every grill. Use it on steak, burgers, chicken, vegetables, and potatoes.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-the-blend-mix/>

Copycat Kinder's All-Purpose Seasoning

A versatile everyday blend for meats, vegetables, potatoes, and quick weeknight cooking.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-all-purpose-seasoning/>

Copycat Kinder's All-Purpose Meat & Veggie Rub

Exactly what the name promises: a grill-friendly blend for meat and vegetables, making it ideal for summer dinners and cookouts.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-all-purpose-meat-veggie-rub/>

Copycat Kinder's The Steak Blend

A steak-focused blend for beef, burgers, kabobs, and grilled mushrooms.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-the-steak-blend/>

Copycat Kinder's Buttery Steakhouse Seasoning

Buttery steakhouse flavor for steaks, burgers, potatoes, mushrooms, and grilled vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-buttery-steakhouse-seasoning/>

Copycat Kinder's Butcher's Burger Blend

Built for juicy backyard burgers with bold savory flavor.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-butchers-burger-blend/>

Copycat Kinder's Buttery Burger Blend

Rich buttery flavor for burgers, sliders, grilled potatoes, and Blackstone meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-buttery-burger-blend/>

Copycat Kinder's Grilled Chicken Seasoning

A summer grilling blend made for chicken breasts, thighs, wings, and meal prep.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-grilled-chicken-seasoning/>

Copycat Kinder's Fajita Blend

Perfect for grilled peppers, onions, chicken, steak, shrimp, and sizzling summer fajitas.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-the-fajita-blend/>

Copycat Kinder's Greek Blend

Great for chicken skewers, grilled vegetables, pita bowls, potatoes, and Mediterranean-style summer plates.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-the-greek-blend/>

Copycat Kinder's Brown Butter Garlic Seasoning

Rich garlic-forward flavor that works on steak, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, and grilled bread.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-brown-butter-garlic-seasoning/>

Copycat Kinder's Buttery Garlic & Herb

A buttery herb blend that pairs beautifully with grilled chicken, vegetables, potatoes, and seafood.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-buttery-garlic-herb/>

Copycat Kinder's Caramelized Onion Butter

Sweet onion and buttery flavor for burgers, steak, potatoes, onions, mushrooms, and grilled vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-caramelized-onion-butter/>

Copycat Kinder's Cowboy Butter

Big buttery flavor with a little kick. Perfect for steak, chicken, shrimp, potatoes, and vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-cowboy-butter/>

Copycat Kinder's Woodfired Garlic

Smoky garlic flavor perfect for grilling season, especially on chicken, steak, potatoes, and vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-woodfired-garlic/>

Copycat Kinder's Honey Mustard Seasoning

Sweet, tangy flavor for chicken, pork, potatoes, and summer dipping sauces.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-honey-mustard-seasoning/>

Copycat Kinder's Honey Chipotle

Sweet heat that works especially well on chicken, pork, ribs, shrimp, and grilled vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-honey-chipotle/>

Copycat Kinder's Red Jalapeno Garlic

Spicy garlic flavor for grilled meats, tacos, potatoes, burgers, and summer bowls.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-red-jalapeno-garlic/>

Copycat Kinder's Steakhouse Potato Seasoning

Loaded savory flavor for grilled potatoes, potato wedges, roasted vegetables, and foil packets.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-steakhouse-potato-seasoning/>

Copycat Kinder's Korean BBQ

Sweet and savory flavor for beef, chicken, pork, rice bowls, skewers, and grilled vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-kinders-korean-bbq/>

Tex-Mex & Taco Night Blends

Taco Seasoning Mix

A must-have for taco bowls, taco salads, walking tacos, grilled chicken tacos, beef tacos, and quick summer dinners.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/taco-seasoning-mix/>

Cheesy Taco Seasoning Mix

This adds cheesy taco flavor to beef, chicken, rice bowls, pasta bakes, and kid-friendly taco night meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/cheesy-taco-seasoning-mix/>

Fajita Seasoning

Made for sizzling peppers, onions, chicken, steak, shrimp, and summer sheet pan meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/fajita-seasoning/>

Chili Powder Seasoning

A homemade chili powder blend is useful far beyond chili. Add it to burgers, rubs, taco meat, beans, grilled corn, and BBQ sauces.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/chili-powder-seasoning/>

Enchilada Sauce Mix

A dry enchilada sauce mix is perfect for quick Tex-Mex dinners, chicken enchiladas, rice bowls, and leftover grilled meat.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/enchilada-sauce-mix/>

Elote Seasoning Mix

Grilled corn season needs elote seasoning. Use it on corn, potatoes, popcorn, fries, vegetables, and creamy dips.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/elote-seasoning-mix/>

Copycat Mrs. Dash Southwest Chipotle Seasoning Mix

A salt-free Southwest-style blend for chicken, vegetables, potatoes, rice bowls, and grilled meats.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-mrs-dash-southwest-chipotle-seasoning-mix/>

Seafood & Coastal BBQ Seasonings

Copycat Red Lobster Signature Seafood Seasoning

Perfect for shrimp, seafood boils, potatoes, corn, grilled fish, and coastal-style cookout meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-red-lobster-signature-seafood-seasoning/>

Fish Fry Seasoning

A fish fry seasoning works for fried fish, grilled fish, shrimp, fries, hush puppies, and summer seafood baskets.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/fish-fry-seasoning/>

Copycat Slap Ya Mama Seasoning

Bold Cajun-style flavor for seafood, chicken, potatoes, corn, rice dishes, and shrimp boils.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-slap-ya-mama-seasoning/>

Copycat Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning

A Creole-inspired blend for shrimp, chicken, potatoes, vegetables, gumbo-style meals, and seafood boils.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-tony-chacheres-creole-seasoning/>

Potato, Vegetable & Side Dish Seasonings

French Fry Seasoning Mix

One of the best cookout seasonings for fries, potato wedges, roasted potatoes, burgers, grilled corn, and snack trays.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/french-fry-seasoning-mix/>

Vegetable Seasoning Mix

A homemade vegetable seasoning mix makes grilled zucchini, squash, onions, peppers, mushrooms, and foil packet vegetables easier and more flavorful.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/vegetable-seasoning-mix/>

Homemade Yellow Rice Seasoning Mix

Turns plain rice into a flavorful BBQ side dish for grilled chicken, shrimp skewers, pork, steak, and rice bowls.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/homemade-yellow-rice-seasoning-mix/>

30 Meals You Can Make with Homemade Yellow Rice Seasoning

This meal idea roundup is perfect for stretching one pantry seasoning into bowls, casseroles, sides, and easy summer dinners.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/30-meals-you-can-make-with-homemade-yellow-rice-seasoning/>

Copycat Knorr Mi Arroz Red Rice Seasoning Mix

A flavorful rice seasoning mix that works well with grilled chicken, taco bowls, burrito bowls, beans, and summer side dishes.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-knorr-mi-arroz-red-rice-seasoning-mix/>

Copycat Knorr's Vegetable Recipe Mix

A classic pantry mix for dips, pasta salads, vegetable sides, rice dishes, casseroles, and cookout spreads.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-knorrs-vegetable-recipe-mix/>

27 Easy Meals You Can Make with Copycat Knorr Vegetable Recipe Mix

This roundup gives the vegetable mix even more mileage with meal ideas, sides, dips, and pantry-friendly dinners.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/27-easy-meals-you-can-make-with-copycat-knorr-vegetable-recipe-mix/>

Dry Onion Soup Mix

A cookout staple for burgers, dips, potatoes, meatloaf, roasts, and slow cooker BBQ-style meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/dry-onion-soup-mix/>

Garlic Bread Seasoning Mix

Perfect for grilled bread, garlic toast, pasta salad, potatoes, vegetables, and summer Italian-style sides.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/garlic-bread-seasoning-mix/>

Pizza Seasoning Mix

A fun blend for grilled pizza, pizza burgers, pasta salad, garlic bread, vegetables, and tomato-based summer dishes.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/pizza-seasoning-mix/>

Pasta Salad Seasoning Mix

Cookout pasta salad deserves its own pantry blend. This one helps make quick, flavorful cold salads for summer gatherings.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/pasta-salad-seasoning-mix/>

Sandwich Seasoning

Use this for subs, burgers, grilled chicken sandwiches, wraps, sliders, and picnic-style summer meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/sandwich-seasoning/>

Copycat Morton's Nature's Seasoning

A versatile everyday seasoning for vegetables, chicken, potatoes, eggs, burgers, and side dishes.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-mortons-natures-seasoning/>

Copycat Dan-O's Seasoning

A useful all-purpose blend for grilled chicken, vegetables, potatoes, eggs, and quick summer meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-danos-seasoning/>

Cookout Party, Snack & Dip Seasonings

Buttermilk Ranch Mix

A homemade ranch mix belongs at every cookout. Use it for dips, pasta salads, potato salad, chicken marinades, and veggie trays.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/buttermilk-ranch-mix/>

Ranch Dressing Mix

Another ranch-style staple for dressings, dips, pasta salads, potatoes, and grilled chicken.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/ranch-dressing-mix/>

Everything Bagel Seasoning

Great for burger buns, grilled bread, dips, cream cheese spreads, potatoes, and snack boards.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/everything-bagel-seasoning/>

Copycat Einstein Bros. Everything Bagel Seasoning

A copycat everything bagel blend for dips, sandwiches, grilled breads, and summer snack trays.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-einstein-bros-everything-bagel-seasoning/>

Hot Honey Seasoning Mix

Sweet heat for chicken, wings, grilled shrimp, roasted nuts, fries, and summer snack mixes.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/hot-honey-seasoning-mix/>

Nacho Cheese Popcorn Seasoning

Great for popcorn, fries, snack mixes, chips, potatoes, and kid-friendly cookout sides.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/nacho-cheese-popcorn-seasoning/>

Dill Pickle Popcorn Seasoning

A tangy seasoning for popcorn, fries, potato chips, snack mixes, and pickle lovers at the cookout table.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/dill-pickle-popcorn-seasoning/>

Cajun Kick Popcorn Seasoning Mix

A spicy snack seasoning that can also work on fries, potatoes, roasted nuts, and party mixes.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/cajun-kick-popcorn-seasoning-mix/>

Peanut Butter Chocolate Popcorn Seasoning

A sweet snack seasoning for popcorn bars, party bowls, movie nights, and summer dessert snack trays.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/peanut-butter-chocolate-popcorn-seasoning/>

27 Savory Popcorn Seasonings

A full savory seasoning roundup for snack mixes, popcorn bars, party bowls, and backyard movie nights.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/27-savory-popcorn-seasonings/>

18 Sweet Popcorn Seasonings

A sweet companion roundup for cookout dessert tables, party snacks, and homemade popcorn gifts.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/18-sweet-popcorn-seasonings/>

Pantry Sauce Mixes & Meal Starter Blends

Dry BBQ Sauce Mix with 4 Flavors

A dry BBQ sauce mix is perfect for pantry storage, quick sauces, grilled meats, pulled pork, chicken, and summer meal prep.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/dry-bbq-sauce-mix-with-4-flavors/>

Copycat Swiss Chalet Dipping Sauce Dry Mix

A savory dipping sauce mix for chicken, potatoes, sandwiches, fries, and roast-style summer dinners.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-swiss-chalet-dipping-sauce-dry-mix/>

Au Jus Mix

Perfect for French dip sandwiches, roast beef, steak sandwiches, beef sliders, and rich savory gravies.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/homemade-au-jus-mix/>

Beef Bouillon Seasoning

A homemade beef bouillon-style blend is useful for gravies, sauces, rice, soups, stews, roasts, and beefy summer skillet meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/beef-bouillon-seasoning/>

Beef Stew Seasoning

Not just for winter. Use it for beef tips, pot roast, camp-style meals, foil packet dinners, and hearty grill-night sides.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/beef-stew-seasoning/>

Copycat McCormick's Pot Roast Seasoning

A savory packet replacement for roasts, slow cooker beef, shredded beef sandwiches, and meal prep.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/copycat-mccormicks-pot-roast-seasoning/>

Meatloaf Seasoning Mix

Great for meatloaf, burgers, meatballs, stuffed peppers, and beefy summer casseroles.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/meatloaf-seasoning-mix/>

Sloppy Joe Seasoning

Perfect for summer sandwiches, ground beef meal prep, sliders, and easy backyard dinners.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/sloppy-joe-seasoning/>

Stroganoff Sauce Mix

A dry sauce mix for quick skillet dinners, beef leftovers, noodles, and comfort-food meal prep.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/stroganoff-sauce-mix/>

Dry Spaghetti Sauce Mix

Use this for grilled meatball subs, pasta bakes, pizza-style dishes, and quick tomato sauces.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/dry-spaghetti-sauce-mix/>

Spaghetti Seasoning

A simple Italian-style seasoning for pasta, grilled pizza, meatballs, sauces, and garlic bread.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/spaghetti-seasoning/>

Stuffing Seasoning Mix

A savory herb blend that can season chicken, pork chops, vegetables, casseroles, and old-fashioned side dishes.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/stuffing-seasoning-mix/>

Classic Italian Sausage Seasoning Mix

Use this for homemade sausage, burgers, meatballs, pasta sauce, grilled peppers, and Italian-style cookout meals.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/classic-italian-sausage-seasoning-mix/>

Breakfast Sausage Seasoning

A good breakfast sausage seasoning is perfect for brunch cookouts, breakfast skillet meals, freezer meals, and homemade sausage patties.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/breakfast-sausage-seasoning/>

Dry Breakfast Skillet Base

A pantry base for breakfast skillet meals, griddle meals, camping breakfasts, and weekend brunch spreads.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/dry-breakfast-skillet-base/>

Dry Comfort Base

A dry meal starter base for old-fashioned comfort meals, casseroles, skillet dinners, and pantry-friendly cooking.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/dry-comfort-base/>

Teriyaki Seasoning and Rub

A sweet-savory blend for grilled chicken, steak, shrimp, pork, rice bowls, skewers, and vegetables.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/teriyaki-seasoning-and-rub/>

Guacamole Dry Mix

A handy dry mix for quick guacamole, avocado spreads, tacos, burgers, wraps, and summer appetizer trays.

<https://thisoldbaker.com/guacamole-dry-mix/>

Why Homemade Seasonings Work So Well for BBQ Season

Homemade seasonings make backyard cooking easier because the flavor is ready before the grill is even lit. Instead of pulling out ten different spice jars every time you make burgers, chicken, ribs, potatoes, or pasta salad, you can reach for one prepared blend and keep cooking.

They also help stretch the grocery budget. One homemade jar can replace several packets or bottled blends, and you can adjust the salt, heat, sweetness, or smoky flavor to match your family's taste.

For summer cooking, these blends are especially helpful for backyard BBQs, grilled burgers and steaks, chicken marinades, smoked ribs and pork, seafood boils, shrimp skewers, potato wedges, fries, grilled corn, vegetables, rice bowls, taco bowls, pasta salads, camping meals, Blackstone cooking, mason jar gifts, and pantry stocking.

Once you build a homemade seasoning pantry, summer meals get faster, cheaper, and a whole lot more flavorful. And that, my friend, is how you make backyard BBQ season taste like you had a plan all along.