### Cabbage Soup

**Use 2 pots. In one, boil 2 quarts of water. In another, stir fry in 1/4 c. olive oil:**

- 2 large onions, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 large carrots, diced

Don't brown it—when it is hot, not yet tender, add:

- 1 Tablespoon salt
- Pepper to taste
- The boiling water
- 1 small can tomato paste or 2-3 cups diced tomatoes

Cover and boil a long time! Certainly an hour. You will be surprised at how spicy and flavorful this is. You can change up the greens as you like, and you can freeze it.  

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Add drained cabbage and put into the baking dish. Cover the top with 1/4 cup grated Parmesan or Gruyere cheese. Bake till golden on top 40-50 minutes.

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