

## **Mary's Sausage & Rice**

### **Ingredients**

1 lb. loose Italian sausage (hot or sweet)  
1 stick unsalted butter  
1 cup chopped bell pepper  
1 cup chopped onion  
4 stalks of celery, chopped  
2 envelopes of Lipton Chicken Noodle Soup  
4 ½ cups water  
1 cup long grain rice  
1 8oz. can of mushrooms undrained

### **Preparation**

In large skillet brown sausage until no longer pink, breaking up sausage. Remove from pan and set aside. In same skillet melt butter and add peppers, onions and celery until softened.

In large pot bring water to boil, add both packets of soup mix and rice. Stir constantly until water is absorbed and rice is cooked. Add vegetables, sausage and mushrooms until combined.

Optional: Place in casserole dish and bake uncovered at 350 for 30 minutes.