## **ITALIAN BEEF HEATING INSTRUCTIONS**

Total Prep Time: From thawed: 20-30 minutes From frozen: 35-40 minutes

Total Cook Time: 20 minutes

## What you get:





Mini French Bread

**Cold Italian Beef** 



**Cold Gravy** 







**Cold Sweet Peppers** 

## What you'll need:

**Scissors** 

**Cutting Board** 

Saucepan or Crockpot

Microwave and Heating Kit instructions can be found on portillos.com/heatinginstructions. Note if Frozen: We recommend thawing beef and gravy in refrigerator the day before you want to use it. Once removed from freezer, use beef within a week. Keep bread frozen until 2 hours before eating for optimal quality and taste. Keep sweet peppers in the refrigerator until you are ready to use them.



Use scissors to cut open thawed beef package and gently squeeze the package to loosen the beef. Remove the beef from the package onto a cutting board.



Add enough prepared beef slices to the gravy to create 2-3 sandwiches at a time and stir. Add more beef one minute at a time and continue to stir in between additions.



While French bread is cooking, open the container of sweet peppers and place peppers and juice in small saucepan.\*\*



Hold a section of beef in the palm of one hand, then carefully separate the individual slices. Stack the slices being careful to avoid tearing or shredding the meat.



Take the temperature of the gravy as you add the beef. For maximum flavor and tenderness, keep the temperature between 165° F and 180° F. Adjust heat as needed.\*



Use medium heat on the stovetop to reheat sweet peppers until temperature reaches 180° F. Gently stir. Do not boil.



Place entire contents of gravy in a large saucepan. This includes the spice block inside. Heat over medium heat until gravy reaches 180° F. Do not boil. This takes about 20 minutes.



Toast rolls until desired color is reached or place in a pre-heated 400° F oven for 3 to 5 minutes



Prepare sandwiches when ready to serve! Hot peppers do not need any extra preparation.

<sup>\*</sup>If your gravy has been purchased hot, keep beef and gravy in a water bath between 165° F and 180° F to maintain maximum tenderness. If you would like to heat gravy in a crockpot. heat on high for approximately 1-2 hours, until the temperature reaches 180° F. For microwave or heating kit instructions, please visit portillos.com/heatinginstructions.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If preparing sweet peppers in the microwave, transfer peppers and juice to a covered microwave safe dish and heat on medium high for 3-4 minutes. Stir halfway through the cooking process.