

**Graham Cracker Ice Box Fruitcake**

Several readers have asked for recipes for no-bake fruitcakes; this is a popular recipe from Chronicle files.

2 pounds graham crackers, crushed

1 pound chopped candied fruit

1 pound raisins, chopped

1/2 pound pitted dates, finely chopped

1 pound finely chopped nuts

2 cups miniature marsh-mallows

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

Mix crackers, fruit, raisins, dates, nuts, marshmallows and milk in large bowl. Press into 2 well-buttered loaf pans, or line pans with wax paper (can use disposable foil pans). Store in refrigerator three days before eating.

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**No-Bake Fruitcake**

From Chronicle files.

8 ounces candied cherries, chopped

1 pound pitted dates, chopped

1 quart (4 cups) chopped pecans or other nuts

1 pound vanilla wafers, finely crushed

1 can coconut (amount preferred)

1 box raisins (amount preferred)

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

Combine cherries, dates and nuts in large bowl. Add vanilla wafers, coconut and raisins. Add milk and mix thoroughly. Pack in pie pans and pat down evenly. Refrigerate covered three days.