



Pimiento Cheese

There aren't many foods any more Southern than pimiento cheese – homemade of course. Pimiento cheese is often referred to as “the caviar of the South”. It is a staple at my house and always in the refrigerator. I even keep it in the same crock that my maternal grandmother kept her homemade pimiento cheese in at her house. Mine will never be as good as hers or my

Mama's, along with any of their other foods I prepare. There is no substitute for love. The way I prepare mine is very basic – shredded sharp cheddar cheese, diced pimiento, mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Many people add a variety of cheeses, cream cheese, hot sauce, Worcestershire, cayenne pepper, onion, garlic, and even pickles. My family

seems to like the plain basic pimiento cheese the best. A pimiento cheese sandwich is a great, quick lunch or a terrific finger food when you trim the crust and cut it into squares or triangles. Serve it as a dip with your favorite crackers or chips. Use it as a replacement for a grilled cheese sandwich. My favorite way is to stuff it in a stalk of celery. My son, the budding chef, told me he had grilled hamburgers and topped the burgers with pimiento cheese. He said they were delicious and that I should give it a try. My response was that I didn't know he made pimiento cheese. He said he had bought some at the grocery store. My first thought was that I hoped no one had seen my son buying store bought pimiento cheese at the grocery. I told him he had shamed the family. No one in the past three generations has EVER

bought pimiento cheese. A lesson of making pimiento cheese soon followed. Occasionally I do venture out and make a variation on my basic pimiento cheese. Here are some of my favorites. Thanks for reading.

BASIC PIMIENTO CHEESE

1 (4 oz.) jar diced pimiento, with juice
 1 (16 oz.) pkg. Kraft shredded Triple Cheese (Sharp, Mild, White Vermont)
 ½ cup mayonnaise
 ½ tsp. salt
 ½ tsp. white pepper
 ½ tsp. black pepper

Mix all ingredients together. Refrigerate before serving.

THREE CHEESE PIMIENTO CHEESE

8 oz. Jalapeno and Monterey Jack cheese mix, grated
 8 oz. mild Cheddar cheese, grated
 8 oz. sharp Cheddar cheese, grated
 1 can diced Ro-Tel toma-

toes, do not drain
 4 oz. jar diced pimiento

Mayonnaise – about 2 – 3 Tbsp. or until desired consistency

Mix all ingredients until desired consistency. Refrigerate before serving.

SPICY PIMIENTO CHEESE

1 ½ lb. sharp Cheddar cheese, grated
 4 green onions, finely minced
 1 (4 oz.) jar diced pimiento
 1 (4 oz.) jar pickled jalapeños, dice and include juice
 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 ½ tsp. Tabasco sauce
 1 cup mayonnaise
 Salt and Pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients and blend to desired consistency.

tence, adding more mayonnaise if needed.

MEDITERRANEAN PIMIENTO CHEESE

8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, grated
 8 oz. pepper jack cheese, grated
 ½ cup mayonnaise
 2 boiled eggs, chopped
 2 Tbsp. chopped ripe olives
 2 Tbsp. chopped pepperoncini peppers
 1 (4 oz.) jar diced pimiento, do not drain

Dash Cavender's seasoning

Mix all ingredients together; refrigerate before serving. Great as a sandwich spread, or as a dip with your favorite crackers and vegetables.



What's Best for Me?

Dear Dave,

I was talking to some friends the other day about wills and trusts. They seemed to have a variety of opinions, so can you straighten things out for me? I don't have a will or a trust, and my financial situation is pretty simple. I just want to make sure I do the right thing.

to make sure your kids are taken care of after you die. Another important distinction between the two is that a trust lets you skip probate court—a will doesn't. Probate court cases can drag on forever. Plus, they can be expensive. If your estate gets mixed up in probate court because someone challenges the will, it could mean your family has to spend months in court while grieving. No one wants to go through that. While we're on the subject of probate court, let's talk about another sticky subject.

William

Dear William,

This is a great question. I'm sure your friends are smart folks, but I'm glad you're looking for more answers. I'm not a lawyer, so I'm just going to give you a few simple things to think about. Also, I'd strongly suggest you talk to an experienced will and trust lawyer, one with the heart of a teacher, who will give you all the facts and put your best interests first.

There's a little bit of crazy in every family. You probably know who they are in your family, but if you don't, it might be you. Seriously, though, we all know some families that seem to have more than their fair share of crazy and drama, and wills are best for families that struggle with these issues and tension between family members. Probate court can resolve those problems. On the other hand, families who can handle healthy conflict, and who trust each other, are better off with a trust, since they don't need a probate court to babysit them.

Basically, a will is a legal document that explains what you want to happen with your stuff when you die and puts it all in writing. There are many different types of wills, but for most people a simple will is all you need to establish a solid estate plan that protects your family if something happens to you.

Trusts tend to be geared toward people with more assets and unique or complex estate issues. They also come in lots of different forms like, living trusts, revocable and irrevocable trusts and special needs trusts, just to name a few. In my mind, if you have less than \$1 million in assets—and your financial world is pretty simple and straightforward—a will gets the job done just fine.

And if you're wondering if you can have both a trust and a will, the answer is yes. In fact, most people who have a trust have a will, too.

I hope this little bit helps!

— Dave

One of the most important differences between wills and trusts is the ability to name a guardian for your minor children. You can name a legal guardian in your will, but you can't in a trust. So, even if you have a trust, you'll still need a will

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**COMBINED NOTICE
 NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
 AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date: June 4, 2026

Town of Pickens, Mississippi
 163 North Second Street, Pickens, Mississippi, 39146

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about June 19, 2026, the above named Town will request the Mississippi Development Authority to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the following project:

The proposed activities to address the identified problems with the Town of Pickens' wastewater lagoon and sewer system. The scope of work activities for this 2025 CDBG PF project is as follows: Improvements to the deteriorated lagoon levee to be filled with borrow material, geotextile fabric and 200 – pound rip rap. Also, the replacement of an existing 8" concrete gravity sewer with a 8" PVC gravity sewer line from manhole to manhole within the Railroad Right-of-Way. Additionally, this project will replace the adjacent two manholes.

The current system continues to age and while it serves the entire community, upgrades will eliminate any persistent back up in residencies and relieve the community.

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and, accordingly, the above named Town has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows:

The proposed activities will have no adverse effect on the environment, and the project will benefit the area residents by providing adequate waste water service for this area.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Town which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Town of Pickens, Mississippi, to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments should be received at the Pickens Town Hall at North Second Street, Pickens, Mississippi 39146 on or before June 24, 2026. All such comments so received will be considered and the Town will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the within named project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

The Town of Pickens, Mississippi, will undertake the project described above with grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program. The Town of Pickens, Mississippi is certifying to the State that the board of Aldermen and William Edwards, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews and that these responsibilities have been satisfied under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the bases set forth in 24CFR Part 58.76, and submitted in accordance with the required procedure set forth in 24CFR Part 58. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with 24CFR Part 58, Sec.58.76. Objections prepared in accordance with the required procedures should be submitted to Ms. Lisa Maxwell, Bureau Manager, Grants Management, P. O. Box 849, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0849 (Attention: Lisa Maxwell). Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those referenced above will not be considered by the State. Potential objectors should contact MDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those referenced above will not be considered by the State. No objection received after June 24, 2026 will be considered by the State.

William Edwards, Mayor
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 Pickens, Mississippi 39146