## **Kosher Dill Pickle Spears**

These have a nice kick to them. If you would like you omit the jalapeno peppers you will have a milder version.

Yield: 4-quart jars

4 -quart jars, cleans and hot. Bands and lids, in hot water

2-1/2 cups water

2 cups white vinegar 1/4 cup granulated sugar 1/4 cup pickling salt

3 lbs pickling cucumbers, sliced into spears 1 small jalapeño pepper, sliced (keep seeds) 1 each red, yellow, orange bell pepper, diced

Per jar

1 clove garlic

2 tsp bell pepper, diced 1 large piece jalapeño pepper

1 Bay leaf
1/4 tsp pickle crisp
1/2 tsp mustard seeds
1/4 tsp mixed pepper seeds

1/4 tsp dried dill

- 1. In a large pot, bring water, vinegar, sugar and salt to a low boil. Place in a pourable container. Set aside.
- 2. In hot 4-quart jars, pack with cucumbers, garlic, bell pepper, bay leaf, pickle crisp, jalapeño, mustard seeds, pepper seeds and dill.
- 3. Top each jar to the neck with vinegar mixture. Place lid on top and loosely tighten the neck ring.
- In a canner, process for 15 minutes, while it boils, and then turn off the heat and rest for 5 minutes. Take out of the canner and let rest for 24 hours prior to moving.
- 5. Pickles are ready in 2 weeks. Properly canned, pickles will last 18-24 months.