

BECAUSE YOU DESERVE A GREAT BOWL OF CHILI

**HARD
TIMES[®]**



CAFE

**NATIONALLY FAMOUS
CHILI
AND OTHER
AMERICAN FAVORITES**

ARLINGTON—ALEXANDRIA — HERNDON
ROCKVILLE

"I always judge a town by the quality of its chili!" Will Rogers

Welcome to Hard Times. If this is your first visit, ask for a taster of all three chilies. True chili is meat cooked with spices and is best enjoyed with our California pink beans. Various condiments associated with chili are supplied at your table. The cracked red pepper vinegar, homemade at the Hard Times, is for the Texas chili. Oyster crackers are traditionally served with Cincinnati chili as is Cheddar cheese. Many prefer Parmesan with the Texas. A piece of our homemade corn bread is served, upon request, with all chili orders at no extra cost.

Texas Chili

Our Texas Chili is the traditional "Roadhouse" or "Chili Parlor" style which gained popularity during the Great Depression of the 1930s. This rich, distinctive chili is **coarse grind** chuck simmered with our secret spice blend at least four hours in its natural juices. It has **no tomatoes**. When served on spaghetti, it is called a **Chili Mac**. Ordered **all the way**, your mac comes with our California pink beans, onions, and a choice of cheese. **Extra dry, dry, medium, and wet** refer to the amount of natural juice served with the order. Unless specified, orders come dry.

Cincinnati Chili

Created in 1922 by Greek immigrants, this style of chili spawned the great chili parlor chains of the Midwest. A **fine grind** of beef, this tomato based chili has its hot spices slightly sweetened with **cinnamon**. All Cincinnati chili parlors use the same unique ordering system. A **2-way** is chili with spaghetti. A **3-way** adds a layer of shredded cheddar cheese. A **4-way** adds chopped sweet onions. A **5-way** is all of the above plus our California pink beans.

Vegetarian Chili

This Hard Times **original** is a very popular alternative to our meat chilies. We have actually fooled a lot of people who think it contains meat. It is made with dry roasted **peanuts** and soy flakes to give a meaty texture. Other ingredients are **fresh** vegetables including onions, mushrooms, green peppers, and chopped raw jalapenos in a tomato base. It's the hottest of our three chilies.

Chili with beans	4.70
Chili with spaghetti.....	4.95
Chili with spaghetti and beans	5.20
Shredded Cheddar or Parmesan cheese65
Chopped sweet onions25
Chopped raw jalapenos95
Sour cream85
Extra cornbread25

Tenderfoot (smaller portion for smaller appetites)**3.95**

Specialties

COOKED WITH SKINS	HOT & SPICY W/ BLEU CHEESE	OUR FAMOUS BEER BATTER	CHEESE FILLED JALAPENO
STEAK FRIES	TEXAS WINGS	ONION RINGS	PEPPER POPPERS
Reg. 1.85 Lg. 2.75	Reg.(6) 3.75 Lg.(10) 5.25	Reg. 3.25 Lg. 3.95	Reg.(4) 3.50 Lg.(8) 5.95
Extra sides of house sauces/dressings55			

The Hard Times Cafes use 100% vegetable oil

Sandwiches

All Sandwiches Served with Lettuce & Tomato

Platters with cole slaw and fries **.95 extra**

All burgers chargrilled to order

Hamburger (6 oz. of ground chuck)	4.75
Cheeseburger (Cheddar, Swiss, or American Cheese)	4.95
Chili Burger (your choice of chili)	5.65
(shredded Cheddar cheese.....add .65 onions.....add .25)	

Coney Dog (All Beef w/Cincinnati chili, onion, & shredded cheddar)	4.95
Chargrilled Chicken Breast (w/choice of Barbecue or House Sauce)	5.45
(Cheddar, Swiss, or American cheese.....add .25)	

Choice of White, Wheat, or Rye for sandwiches below

Ham & Cheese (Choice of Cheddar, Swiss, or American-Grilled ...add .55) ..	4.75
Tuna Salad Sandwich	4.50
Southwestern Chicken Salad Sandwich (our own recipe)	4.75

Salads

House Garden Salad	1.95
(Lite French, 1,000 Island, Bleu Cheese, Honey Mustard, Ranch, or Oil & Vinegar)	
Tuna Salad	4.50
Southwestern Chicken Salad (our own recipe)	4.75
Cole Slaw	Reg. .95 Lg. 1.35

Beverages

HARD TIMES ROOT BEER in longneck bottle 1.85
Made with honey and no caffeine.

Coffee/Decaf, Ice Tea, Hot Tea95
Coke, Sprite, Ginger Ale, Diet Coke (16 oz.)95
Milk (2%), Cider.....	1.25
Arizona Lemonade	1.75
Bottled Water (ask for current selection)	1.75

Desserts

Dessert of the Day Market Price

A gratuity of 15% will be added to parties of 7 or more.

N.A. — A.C. Cafe

in 1938 by Carlos Herrera
was made especially for a
liquor except tequila.

..... **2.95**
made with **Guervo Gold.**

MANAGER'S BEER OF THE DAY—ASK YOUR SERVER

Draft Beer

HARD TIMES SELECT LAGER (Pitcher 8.75) **2.45**
Bronze medal winner at the 1992 Great American Beer Festival

Winchester Lager (in honor of Patsy Cline's Hometown) (Pitcher 9.75) 2.65
Olde Heurich (Pitcher 8.75) 2.50
Budweiser (Pitcher 7.75) 2.30
Bud Light (Pitcher 7.75) 2.30

Bottled Beer

Pale Lager	Lone Star	2.60
	Rattlesnake	3.25
	Pearl	2.60
	Rolling Rock	2.60
	Little Rock (7 oz.) 1.55 Rockpile (6 in iced bucket) ..	7.95
	Little King Cream Ale (7 oz.) 1.55 (6 in iced bucket) ..	7.95
	Budweiser	2.60
Amber	Anchor Brewing Co. (rotating seasonal selection)	3.25
	Sam Adams (22 oz.)	5.50
	Olde Heurich (Washington, DC)	2.95
	Dominion Lager	2.95
	Pete's Wicked Lager	3.25
	Steelhead Pale Ale (Gold Medal 1992-All Amer. Beer Fest)	3.25
	Samuel Middletons	3.25
Dark	Christian Moerlein Doppel Dark (Cincinnati)	3.25
Border	Dos Equis	2.95
	Corona	2.95
	Pacifico	2.95
Lite	Coors Light	2.60
	Miller Lite	2.60
	Bud Light	2.60
	Thomas Point Light	3.25
Non-Alcoholic	Ask for current selection	2.60

Wine

Chardonnay, White Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon..... 3.25

All locations have facilities for large parties and TVs are available for special sporting events. For off premises parties ask for our bulk price menu. For gifts or home chili cooking try our award winning packaged chili spice blends.