

Poked Carrot Cake

Makes 12 servings

1 package (about 15 ounces) carrot cake mix, plus ingredients to prepare mix

1 cup chopped walnuts

1 package (4-serving size) vanilla instant pudding and pie filling mix,
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1 container (16 ounces) cream cheese frosting

3 tablespoons maple syrup

24 walnut halves (optional)

1. Prepare cake mix according to package directions; stir in chopped walnuts. Bake according to package directions for 13X9-inch pan. Cool completely.
2. Poke holes in cake at ½-inch intervals. Prepare pudding mix according to package directions; pour over cake. Combine frosting and maple syrup in medium bowl; spread over cake. Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours or until firm. Top each serving with walnut halves, if desired.