Pickled Garlicky Spaghetti Squash

Ingredients

- 1 (1 1/2-pound) spaghetti squash
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 10 (4-inch) thyme sprigs
- 2 (4-inch) rosemary sprigs
- 1 ½ cups water
- ½ cups distilled white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
- 1 small red Fresno chile, thinly sliced

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Cut spaghetti squash crosswise into 4 rings. Scoop out and discard seeds, or reserve for another use. Place squash rings on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, and drizzle evenly with oil. Bake in preheated oven until squash is just tender, 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool completely, about 30 minutes.
- 2. Using a fork, separate cooled squash flesh into strands; discard squash peels. Divide strands evenly between 2 pint-size jars. Divide thyme and rosemary evenly between jars.
- 3. Bring 1 1/2 cups water, vinegar, salt, sugar, garlic, and chile to a boil in a medium saucepan over high, stirring until salt and sugar are dissolved. Remove from heat, and let brine cool completely, about 1 hour. Pour cooled brine evenly into jars. Seal jar lids, and refrigerate at least 24 hours before serving.