**Cheese Ball**

2 (8 oz) packages cream cheese, softened

1 (1 oz) package ranch dressing mix (dip mix will be too salty!)

2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1 ½ cups chopped pecans

Mix cream cheese, dressing mix, and cheddar well. Grease your hands and form mixture into a ball. Roll it in the chopped nuts and refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with your favorite crackers.

Tips: The cream cheese, shredded cheese, and pecans can all be frozen. Making it easy to keep these ingredients on hand for short notice and emergency situations.