



FOOD MENU

HOME EDITION – DOWNLOADED FROM THE VORTEX WEBSITE

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TAKE-OUT SIZE & FEE

If you plan on ordering an extremely large take-out order you should really consider contacting a caterer as our take-out service is not meant for party planning. A 5% packaging fee will be added to all take-out orders.

TAKE-OUT ALCOHOL

By law, The Vortex is not permitted to sell any alcoholic beverages “to-go” with the exception of opened bottles of wine that are not finished by patrons when dining in-house. These bottles may be re-corked and be taken home by the customer. No other alcoholic beverage may leave our premises at any time.

21 & OVER

The Vortex was designed as a social gathering place for adults. It is a bar. As such, we restrict access to people 21 and over. All patrons must present a valid form of identification to enter the premises. If you are ever denied entry to The Vortex because you don’t have your ID with you, it’s your own damned fault for being a dumb-ass. Who doesn’t carry identification?

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PLACING TAKE-OUT ORDERS

The Vortex is a neighborhood bar, not a “take-out” restaurant. So our “dine-in” guests will always be our first priority. That’s why, on occasion, we will suspend take-out orders during peak business periods. Sorry, but when we’re really busy, that’s just the way it has to be. If we don’t answer the phone, that is a good indication that we ARE too busy. If we do answer and tell you take-out is currently not available, don’t cry. Don’t yell. Don’t throw a fit. That won’t change anything. It’ll just make you look like a spoiled little whiner.

PLEASE NOTE: *After 8:00 pm nightly, take-out orders can **only** be placed in-person, at the bar.*

When we ARE accepting phone-in take-out orders, you can help us assure your complete and total satisfaction by following the simple five-step instructions listed below:

1. CALL THE RIGHT LOCATION

Pay attention to which Vortex location you phone, because that’s where your food will be waiting for you. People often show up in Midtown, after having placed their order with Little 5 Points. Oops. It’s a real bummer to have to drive across town when you’re hungry. *(The bars are about 3 miles apart.)*

2. HAVE YOUR ORDER READY

Please have your order complete before you call. Think of all the various options – like burger temperatures, side dishes, bread selections and salad dressings. When the restaurant is busy, we just don’t have time to wait while you ask every member of the I.T. Department what dressing they want on their salad.

3. COME AND GET IT

We will give you an approximate pick-up time for your order, so if your food sits around and gets cold and soggy, it’s your own damn fault.

4. DOUBLE-CHECK IT

Always check the contents of your order before you leave. Nobody is perfect 100% of the time, and our Take-Out Expediter could have made a mistake, so double-check it. We will NOT be responsible for errors or missing items once orders are removed from our premises, because that’s the oldest scammer trick in the book. Sorry scammers.

5. GO BACK TO YOUR LAIR

If you order food to-go, you can’t eat it in the restaurant, that’s why it’s called “take-out.” Bye-bye

SOFT DRINKS

Fountain drinks are served in a big 32-ounce tumbler.

When dining in-house all fountain drinks, tea and coffee will include free refills.

- COCA-COLA ● COKE ZERO SUGAR ● DIET COKE ● SPRITE ● GINGER ALE ● DR. PEPPER 3.00
- HI-C PINK LEMONADE ● FANTA ORANGE SODA ● POWERADE MOUNTAIN BERRY BLAST 3.00
- SWEET TEA ● UNSWEETENED ICED TEA 3.00
- COFFEE – *It comes black, hot and caffeinated. If you want more than that Starbucks® is just down the street* 2.00

BOTTLED & CANNED BEVERAGES

- ABITA ROOT BEER – 12-ounce bottle 3.00
– Add a shot of **Spiced Rum** to the bottle +5.00
- JARRITOS GRAPEFRUIT SODA – 12.5-ounce bottle .. 3.00
– Add a shot of **Silver Tequila** to the bottle +5.00
- JARRITOS STRAWBERRY SODA – 12.5-ounce bottle . 3.00
– Add a shot of **Vanilla Vodka** to the bottle +5.00
- RED BULL ENERGY DRINK – 8.4-ounce can 4.00
– ORIGINAL, SUGARFREE OR YELLOW
- MEXICAN COKE – 12.5-ounce bottle 3.00
– Add a shot of **Irish Whiskey** to the bottle +5.00
- TOPO CHICO Mineral Water – 12.5-ounce bottle 3.00
– Add a shot of **Gin and a lime** to the bottle +5.00
- 1821 GINGER BEER – 12-ounce can 3.00
– Produced Locally
- FIJI ARTESIAN WATER – 16.9-ounce bottle 3.00

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HARD DRINKS?

Our **Booze Menu** is awe-inspiring! If you don't have one, ask your server for a copy.

APPETIZERS

These Group Snacks are the perfect way to get the party started by sharing them with your friends. Or you can be a big glutton and order one all for yourself. That's okay. We're not about judgment, unless it's bad judgment.

CHEESE-BALLS O' GLORY™ 9.95

These battered, deep-fried dollops of cheese curd and jalapeño bits might be the tastiest balls you ever put in your mouth. Served with jalapeño ranch for dipping, this bounty of balls is perfect for sharing.

DIXIE WRECKED TATERS™ 9.95

A big ol' plate full of french fries (or tots) topped with our homemade white sausage gravy, shredded cheese and crumbled bacon bits. If you ask a Canadian, they'll say we "wrecked" their poutine, but we actually turned it into some real Southern kick-ass! And you can even get a HALF order for only 5.95.

MAC 'N' CHEESY CHANGA™ 9.95

We fill a flour tortilla with macaroni 'n' cheese and barbecued pulled pork, and wrap it up like a burrito. Then we deep-fry it, slice it into four pieces, top it with a drizzle of our famous cheesy-cheese goo™ and serve it with a side of spicy honey BBQ sauce. It's like a whole damn barbecue is happening inside your mouth.

MUTHACLUCKIN' CHICKEN ROLLS™ 9.95

Shredded flame-grilled chicken, cheese, onions, cilantro and a blend of seasonings, all stuffed inside a flour tortilla and deep-fried. It comes sliced into four rolls for sharing (or not). Served with jalapeño ranch dressing.

PICKLE SPEARS OF LOVE™ 8.95

Crispy, crunchy dill pickle spears (not slices), battered, breaded and deep-fried to perfection. Served with a side of jalapeño ranch for dipping. Just like your sweet old Mee Maw used to make. Bless her heart.

BADASS BUFFALO WINGS™ 11.95

Ten deep-fried chicken wings served with celery and a side of blue cheese (*or ranch*) dressing. You can also add a side of french fries or tater tots for 2.00.

Choose your flavor from the sauce selection below:

- ORIGINAL BUFFALO SAUCE – (Standard Heat)
- SPICY HONEY BBQ SAUCE – (A Little Spicy)
- ATOMIC DEATH SAUCE™ – (*Hot as Hell)

*WARNING: No returns for crybabies.

BORRACHO NACHOS™ – Nachos made your way

Full Portion: 7.50 – Half Portion: 5.50

These are the four ingredients you will find in the basic, stripped-down version of our **Borracho Nachos**:

- TORTILLA CHIPS ● CHEESY-CHEESE GOO™ ● SHREDDED LETTUCE ● RED SALSA

But you can customize them to create your own perfect version. We'll add pickled jalapeños by request, and we'll substitute the chips for tots for only 1.00. You can also choose additional "toppers" from the list of options below.

ADDITIONAL NACHO TOPPERS

SERVED ON TOP:

- SOUR CREAM..... +1.00
- BACON BITS +2.25
- GRILLED or FRIED CHICKEN – Diced +5.00
- BLACK BEAN VEGGIE BURGER – Diced..... +5.00
- SIRLOIN BURGER – Cooked Medium & Diced..... +5.00
- BARBECUED PORK – Shredded +5.00
- IMPOSSIBLE™ BURGER – Diced (*NOTE: While technically a vegan patty, we do not employ vegan cooking practices*)... +9.00

SERVED ON THE SIDE:

- ROASTED JALAPEÑOS – Chopped..... +1.25
- PINEAPPLE SALSA +1.25
- ATOMIC DEATH SAUCE™ +2.00
- GUACAMOLE..... +2.25
- SPICY BEEF or TASTY TURKEY CHILI +2.25
- TORTILLA CHIPS or TATER TOTS +2.25

SANDWICHES

Pick a Side – OUR SANDWICHES ARE SERVED WITH A SIDE DISH, SO CHOOSE ONE FROM THIS LIST

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- FRENCH FRIES
- TATER TOTS
- LOADED POTATO SALAD – *shredded cheese & bacon*
- FRIED PLANTAINS
- ZAPP'S VOODOO POTATO CHIPS – 1.5-ounce Bag

ADDITIONAL 3.00 UP-CHARGE:

- SOUP or CHILI – Cup
- HOUSE SALAD – Side Portion
- MAC 'N' CHEESE
- FRIED ZUCCHINI or ONION RINGS
- FUNNEL CAKE FRIES

YANKEE REUBEN 14.50

Corned beef, Swiss cheese, caraway sauerkraut and thousand island dressing served on griddled swirl rye bread. This is a pretty damned delectable Reuben for a burger joint in Atlanta.

HAVANA EN ATLANTA 12.50

A traditional cuban sandwich filled with roasted pork, ham, Swiss cheese, mojo marinated pickles and spicy brown mustard – *griddled nice and flat*. Great with a side of fried plantains. – SERVED "AS-IS" ONLY

HOT SOUTHERN MESS™ 12.95

A deep-fried chicken breast topped with a fried egg and applewood smoked bacon, all covered with our delicious white sausage gravy, and served on Texas Toast. It's slap yo' mama good!

BIG-NAKED WEENIE 10.95

We flame-grill a big, thick 9-inch beef weenie and serve it naked on a butter-griddled bun. You can add sauerkraut, diced raw onions, relish and/or sautéed onions at no additional cost. You can also add shredded cheese and spicy beef or turkey chili for **2.50**.

GRILLED CHEESY MOFO™ 9.95

Pepper jack, provolone, cheddar and applewood smoked bacon on butter-griddled, parmesan encrusted sourdough. If you can't handle this Mofo, then order "Mom's Grilled Cheese" instead – it's totally normal.

BUFFALO BOMBER 12.50

A battered, deep-fried chicken breast, topped with applewood smoked bacon, ranch dressing and original buffalo sauce, all served on a big ol' hoagie roll. Basically a boneless buffalo wing sandwich.

THREE LITTLE PIGS™ 12.50

Slow roasted pork, topped with applewood smoked bacon, grilled ham, jack cheese and onion rings, smothered in our spicy honey BBQ sauce and served on a burger bun. It's pork-tastic!

EASY SLIDERS – SERVED "AS-IS" ONLY 7.95

Choose two sliders. They can be the same or different.

- MINI BURGER – *American cheese and diner relish*
- MINI BBQ PORK – *BBQ sauce and mac 'n' cheese*
- ADDITIONAL SLIDERS..... **2.95 each**

CHILI, SOUP & SALAD

We whip-up stock pots of love from scratch every day. Our chili is served with homemade cornbread, and can be topped with shredded cheese, diced onion and/or sour cream. Our soup comes with Ritz® crackers.

SPICY BEEF CHILI Cup: 3.95 – Bowl: 4.50

Made with ground sirloin, chipotle peppers, cayenne pepper and a secret combination of seasonings, but not a single bean. It's mighty meaty and mighty spicy, so don't order it if you can't take the heat.

50/50 CHILI Cup: 3.95 – Bowl: 4.50

A half-serving of **Spicy Beef Chili** and half-serving of **Tasty Turkey Chili** all mixed together in the same cup or bowl.

TASTY TURKEY CHILI Cup: 3.95 – Bowl: 4.50

Made with ground turkey, fire roasted tomatoes, green chiles, jalapeños, black beans, onion and cilantro, all cooked in a seasoned cream stock. Slightly smoky with a little bit of spiciness.

KILLER TOMATO SOUP Cup: 3.95 – Bowl: 4.50

This smooth and savory soup is not vegan or vegetarian because it contains cream and chicken stock, which is why it's so damned delicious.

HOUSE SALAD – *Salad made your way* Full Portion: 9.50 – Side Portion: 6.95

These are the six toppings that we add to a big bowl of **mixed greens** in order to create our **House Salad**:

- BACON BITS ● MUSHROOMS ● DICED TOMATO ● DICED RED ONION ● SHREDDED CHEESE ● CROUTONS

Let your server know if you DON'T want any of those items, otherwise you'll be getting all of them. You can further customize and upgrade your salad by adding any of the "toppers" from the list of options below.

ADDITIONAL SALAD TOPPERS

- GRILLED or FRIED CHICKEN BREAST – Sliced +5.00
- SIRLOIN BURGER – Cooked Medium & Sliced +5.00
- BLACK BEAN VEGGIE BURGER PATTY – Sliced ... +5.00
- BARBECUED PORK – Shredded +5.00
- IMPOSSIBLE™ BURGER – Sliced - *NOTE: While technically a vegan patty, we do not employ vegan cooking practices..* +9.00

SALAD DRESSING

Salads come with one dressing on the side. Additional dressings are **1.00** – *3.25-ounce serving*.

- BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE ● BLUE CHEESE ● CREAMY RANCH ● HONEY MUSTARD
- JALAPEÑO RANCH ● THOUSAND ISLAND ● OIL & VINEGAR

BASIC BURGERS

Half-pound patties of **100% Premium Ground Sirloin** cooked over an open flame and served on a toasted bun. These are two fine examples of the quintessentially American burgers that The Vortex is famous for.

PLAIN OL' HAMBURGER

9.95

No frills, no nonsense. We'll cook it to your preferred temperature and top it with lettuce, tomato, red onion and dill pickle slices. A selection of condiments is on the table, so you can dress your burger however you want.

ORIGINAL CHEESEBURGER

10.95

Choose either American, Cheddar, Provolone, Swiss, Jack or Pepper Jack cheese (2 slices), **OR** a big scoop of Whiskey Pimento Cheese, Chipotle Cream Cheese or Blue Cheese Spread. (LTOP)

ADD APPLEWOOD SMOKED BACON: You can add **3 strips of bacon** to ANY of our burgers..... **+2.50**

SIGNATURE BURGERS

Our Basic Burgers are great, but we designed the unique Signature Burgers below to help expand your horizons.

All burgers noted with "(LTOP)" are also topped with **Lettuce, Tomato, Onion** and dill **Pickle** slices.

ALPINE STEAK HOUSE

12.95

Topped with sautéed onions and mushrooms, Swiss & cheddar cheese, and super-secret steak sauce. (LTOP)

HELL'S FURY

12.50

Pepper jack cheese, Atomic Death Sauce™, habanero relish, and a roasted jalapeño. Not for sissies. (LTOP)

BBQ BACON MAC 'N' CHEESE

13.50

Burger topped with gooey mac 'n' cheese, spicy honey BBQ sauce and applewood smoked bacon.

HOLY GUACAMOLE

12.50

Topped with jack cheese and a big glob of our freshly made guacamole. Burger divinity. (LTOP)

BLACK & BLUE

11.95

Blackened and topped with our creamy homemade blue cheese spread. It'll knock you out. (LTOP)

KA'MANA WA'NA LEI'YA

12.95

A scoop of chipotle cream cheese, 3 slices of bacon and spicy pineapple jalapeño jelly on Texas toast.

BLUE 'SHROOM

12.95

Topped with a scoop of mind-expanding blue cheese, sautéed mushrooms and bacon. You'll see God. (LTOP)

LONE STAR TEX MELT™

12.50

Topped with cheddar cheese, spicy honey BBQ sauce, and crispy onion rings, served on Texas toast.

CLASSIC BYPASS™

13.95

Topped with a fried egg, American cheese, and bacon. It'll give you palpitations. (LTOP)

PICKLE RICK

13.50

Topped with fried pickles, whiskey pimento cheese, bacon and house-made Szechuan sauce. I'm Pickle Rick!

FAT ELVIS

12.95

Slathered with a King-sized helpin' of smooth peanut butter, topped with bacon and fried plantains.

REBEL OUTLAW

14.95

Covered with barbecued pulled pork, cheddar cheese, bacon, and spicy teriyaki outlaw sauce. (LTOP)

FOUR HORSEMEN

12.95

A blackened patty topped with horseradish sauce, grilled onions, sautéed mushrooms & jack cheese. (LTOP)

SWISS & MUSHROOM

11.95

Topped with Swiss cheese and tasty sautéed mushrooms. What else would it be? (LTOP)

FREAKY TIKI

13.50

Topped with grilled ham, pineapple salsa, bacon and jack cheese. It's a luau for your mouth. (LTOP)

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE™

14.50

Burger topped with BBQ pork, spicy honey BBQ sauce, pepper jack cheese & two eggs over-easy on Texas toast.

OLD-SCHOOL BURGERS

This classic American burger style is a tribute to vintage neighborhood eateries, coffee shops and local diners across the country. The patties on these burgers are griddled nice and flat and cooked until they're done.

RETRO DINER BURGER

12.50

Two 4-ounce griddled sirloin patties topped with white American Cheese, shredded lettuce, tomato and sliced dill pickles on a burger bun, all slathered with homemade Vortex diner relish.

ULTIMATE PATTY MELT

12.50

Two 4-ounce griddled sirloin patties served on grilled marble-rye, topped with Swiss and cheddar cheese, grilled onions and sliced dill pickles, all slathered with our secret burger sauce.

***MANDATORY GOVERNMENT ADVISORY STATEMENT:** THE CONSUMPTION OF RAW OR UNDERCOOKED FOOD SUCH AS MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, SHELLFISH AND EGGS WHICH CONTAIN HARMFUL BACTERIA, MAY CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS OR DEATH.

*Choose a Temperature – TELL US HOW YOU WANT YOUR BURGER COOKED

- RARE = Cool Red Center
- MEDIUM-RARE = Warm Red Center
- MEDIUM = Hot Pink Center
- MEDIUM-WELL = Slight Pink Center
- WELL-DONE = No Pink – Basically Burnt

OR Substitute the Meat – IF YOU'D RATHER HAVE A NON-BEEF OPTION

ADDITIONAL 1.⁰⁰ SUB CHARGE:

- GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST
- FRIED CHICKEN BREAST
- BLACK BEAN VEGGIE BURGER PATTY

ADDITIONAL 4.⁵⁰ SUB CHARGE:

- IMPOSSIBLE™ BURGER PATTY

NOTE: While technically a vegan patty, we do not employ vegan cooking practices.

AND Pick a Side – OUR BURGERS ARE SERVED WITH A SIDE DISH, SO CHOOSE ONE FROM THIS LIST

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- FRENCH FRIES
- TATER TOTS
- LOADED POTATO SALAD – shredded cheese & bacon
- FRIED PLANTAINS
- ZAPP'S VOODOO POTATO CHIPS – 1.5-ounce Bag

ADDITIONAL 3.⁰⁰ UP-CHARGE:

- SOUP or CHILI – Cup
- HOUSE SALAD – Side Portion
- MAC 'N' CHEESE
- FRIED ZUCCHINI or ONION RINGS
- FUNNEL CAKE FRIES

CORONARY BYPASS BURGERS®

You can order the "Single" anytime, but all the other Coronary Bypass Burgers have specific restrictions described below.

SINGLE CORONARY BYPASS®

Not available for take-out

19.⁹⁵

We use two bacon grilled cheese sandwiches as the top and bottom buns of this big-ass burger. Total ingredients include 4 slices of white bread, an 8-ounce flame-grilled sirloin patty, 10 slices of American cheese, 9 strips of applewood smoked bacon, one fried egg and 4-ounces of mayonnaise. This burger is served with french fries and tater tots topped with Cheesy-Cheese Goo™ sprinkled with bacon bits. – **Estimated Calories with side: 3,707**

LIMITED AVAILABILITY: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, FROM 2:00 UNTIL 5:00 PM ONLY
NO HOLIDAYS – NO TAKE-OUT – NO SUBSTITUTIONS (SIDES TOO) – BEEF COOKED "MEDIUM"

DOUBLE CORONARY BYPASS® 37.⁹⁵

We use two griddled patty melt sandwiches as the top and bottom buns of this epic burger. Total ingredients include 4 slices of Texas toast, two 4-ounce griddled ground sirloin patties, one 8-ounce flame-grilled sirloin patty, 12 slices of American cheese, 2 fried eggs, 12 strips of bacon, grilled onions, diner relish and mayonnaise. Served with 10-ounces of fries & tots topped with Cheesy-Cheese Goo™ and bacon bits.

– **Estimated Calories with side: 4,541**

TRIPLE CORONARY BYPASS® 66.⁶⁶

We use two griddled patty melts, and a bacon-grilled cheese sandwich as the 3 buns that shape this beast. Total ingredients include 4 slices of Texas toast, two slices of white bread, two 4-ounce griddled sirloin patties, two 8-ounce flame-grilled sirloin patties, 18 slices of American cheese, 3 fried eggs, 18 strips of bacon, grilled onions, diner relish and mayonnaise. Served with 20-ounces of fries & tots topped with Cheesy-Cheese Goo™ and bacon bits.

– **Estimated Calories with side: 7,160**

QUADRUPLE CORONARY BYPASS® (THE SUPER-STACK™)

79.⁹⁵

We use 4 griddled patty melts as the top, bottom and (2) middle buns of our Super-Stack.™ Total ingredients include 8 slices of Texas toast, four 4-ounce griddled sirloin patties, two 8-ounce flame-grilled sirloin patties, 28 slices of American cheese, 4 fried eggs, 27 strips of bacon, grilled onions, diner relish and mayonnaise. Served with 20-ounces of fries & tots topped with Cheesy-Cheese Goo™ and bacon bits.

– **Estimated Calories with side: 9,606**

THE SUPER-STACK™ IS AVAILABLE AS AN EATING CHALLENGE. ASK YOUR SERVER FOR DETAILS.

CARNIVAL DESSERTS

Everything is better when it's deep-fried, and our desserts are certainly no exception. If you agree, then we highly recommend finishing your meal with one of these captivating carny-approved confections.

FUNNEL CAKE FRIES

9.⁵⁰

It's a "funnel cake" in french fry form. Perfect for sharing. They're dusted with powdered sugar and served with Very-Berry sauce for dipping.

DEEP-FRIED CHEESECAKE

10.⁹⁵

Creamy cheesecake, rolled up in a pastry shell and deep-fried, served with raspberry jam, sugar glaze, cinnamon sugar and whipped cream. Sweet!