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## Winter Chili Favorites

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Chili is not only a winter staple, but an American classic. Whether you are looking for a vegetarian, chicken, carbo-loaded or extra-spicy, we've compiled a list that covers our winter chili favorites.

As the days get chillier so does [Uptown Tavern's](#) menu! Warm-up under their heat lamps and indulge in their Soyrizo Chili with black and fancy white beans, roasted peppers, cheddar cheese, diced red onions and micro cilantro, paired with sweet corn bread. In addition to being extremely filling, this dish is also vegetarian!

[Pillbox Tavern](#), in Solana Beach, is home to comforting, American-coastal cuisine. Their executive chef, Shelley Velez, creates a homemade chili that embodies just that. Reheat near the beach with their Bowl of Chuckwagon Chili made with a hearty mix of veggies, black beans and ground sirloin. The best part? It's served with warm, house-made chips for dipping!

Nothing is better on a cold day than cozying up next to a fire with a warm bowl of comfort food. [Backyard Kitchen & Tap](#) has you covered with their 25-foot fire pit and house-crafted menu. Your mouth will be watering just thinking about their Texas Red Beef Cheek Chili with cheddar cheese curds, mini bacon biscuits and sour cream.

It's three of our favorite things, chili...cheese... and fries! [Brian's 24](#), downtown's only 24-hour diner, is serving the best loaded fries around. Take a stab at their huge, full-pound Chili Cheese Fries plate loaded with chili, cheese, onions and sour cream for a deliciously filling finger-food!

Spice up your night with a savory cup of chili at downtown's [barleymash](#). Chef Kevin Templeton's Five Chile Chili includes a three cheese blend, sour cream, green onions and crispy tobacco onions for a piping-hot meal filled with rich flavors.

It certainly gets chilly near the beach, but thankfully [Pacific Beach AleHouse](#) has a menu that'll keep you warm. Their Chicken Chili is a must-try. Masterminded with smoked chicken instead of the regular beef, this dish comes filled with black beans, corn, tomato, onions, peppers, sour cream, micro cilantro and home-made "Johnny Cake" cornbread.