Bone Broth

Makes about 3 quarts

- 6 lb organic chicken bones, necks and backs or chicken parts, or left over carcasses from roast chicken
- 2 Tb apple cider vinegar

Optional Ingredients (for better flavor but not necessary)

1 bay leaf

- 1 tsp thyme
- 4 garlic cloves whole, I use the small ones I don't like to peel
- 1 carrot, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
 - Put all chicken, ACV and any other ingredients you are using into a soup pot
 - Add water to cover the chicken by 3"
 - Let sit for 20-30 minutes in the cool water. The acid from the ACV extracts the minerals from the bones.
 - Cover and bring to a boil.
 - Turn down to low so it is just simmering. Keep covered. (You can also make it in a crock pot)
 - During the first hour of simmering, remove the impurities that float to the surface. A frothy/foamy layer will form and it can be easily scooped off with a big spoon. Throw this part away. Grass-fed and healthy animals will produce much less of this than conventional animals.
 - Simmer on low for 3-6 hours. Add more water if necessary to keep the chicken covered.
 - Strain cool, skim fat.
 - Freeze or use within a few days