



# THE VORTEX<sup>®</sup>

BAR & GRILL



## FOOD MENU – HOME EDITION

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#### PLACING TAKE-OUT ORDERS

The Vortex is a neighborhood bar. It is not really a “take-out” restaurant, so our “dine-in” guests will always be our first priority. That’s why we may suspend take-out orders during our peak business periods. Sorry, but when we are really busy in-house, that’s just the way it has to be. Don’t cry. Don’t throw a fit. That won’t change anything, and it’s just going to make you look like a spoiled little whiner. If we don’t answer the phone, that is a pretty good indication that we are too busy to take “to-go” orders at the moment. **Please Note:** After 8:00pm nightly, take-out orders can **ONLY** be placed in-person, at the bar.

When we are accepting phone-in to-go orders, you can help assure your complete satisfaction with the experience by following the simple five-step instructions below:

##### 1. CALL THE RIGHT LOCATION

Pay attention to which Vortex location you call to place your order, because that is where your food will be waiting for you. People often show up in Midtown, after having placed their order with Little 5 Points. Oops. That’s a real bummer when you’re hungry.

##### 2. HAVE YOUR ORDER READY

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 salads, so please have your order complete before you call. Think of all the various options like burger temperatures, side dishes, bread selections, salad dressings, etc., etc., etc.

##### 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 expeditor 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.

##### 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.”

#### TAKE-OUT FEES

A 5% packaging fee is added to all take-out orders. An additional 10% is added to orders of 15 or more items. If your order is much bigger than that, you should really consider contacting a caterer.

#### TAKE-OUT ALCOHOL

By law, alcoholic beverages can **NOT** be sold “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 taken home by the customer.

#### CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

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#### ADULTS ONLY IN THE VORTEX

In July of 2005 the “Georgia Smoke-Free Air Act” was passed. As a result, every restaurant owner in Georgia has been forced to choose between admitting minors or allowing their customers the option to smoke. Guess which option we chose? As it turns out, a majority of our patrons really enjoy eating, drinking and socializing in an “adult-only” environment. Therefore, you must now be at least 18 years old to enter The Vortex at any time.



## SOFT DRINKS

★ Free refills available for dine-in guests on the beverages noted below. (No refills on take-out orders)

- ★ Coke, Diet Coke, \*Coke Zero (\*Midtown Only), Sprite, Ginger-ale **or** Mr. Pibb (32 oz. glass) ..... 2.25
- ★ Sweet Tea **or** Unsweetened Iced Tea (32 oz. glass) ..... 2.25
- ★ Minute Maid Pink Lemonade (32 oz. glass) ..... 2.25
- ★ Regular Coffee (standard coffee cup) ..... 2.25

Looking for HARD drinks? They're all listed in our  
**BOOZE MENU**  
- Just ask your Server for a copy -

### BOTTLED AND CANNED BEVERAGES:

- Boylan's Brand Bottled Root Beer, Black Cherry, Orange, Grape **or** Creme Soda (12 oz. bottle) ..... 2.50
- Gosling's Brand Ginger Beer (12 oz. can) ..... 2.25
- Bottled Perrier Sparkling Water (11.15 oz. bottle) **or** Bottled Fiji Artesian Water (500 ml/16.9 oz. bottle) ... 2.25
- Red Bull Energy Drink (8.4 oz. can) **or** Whynatte Latte Coffee Flavored Energy Drink (8 oz. can) ..... 3.50

## BAR SNACKS & APPETIZERS

### MUCHO MAS MACHO NACHOS

Crisp tortilla chips smothered with our Meaty Firehouse Chili, and topped with shredded jack & cheddar cheese, black olives, chopped lettuce, sour cream and chunky red salsa. Good God, they're huge, sloppy and delicious! 8.75

(Add guacamole for 2.25)

### ATLANTA'S ORIGINAL NACHO TOTS

Get everything described on the Macho Nachos above, but made with tater tots instead of tortilla chips. It kicks ass, but you definitely have to use a fork. Drunk people really seem to love these. 8.75 (Add guacamole for 2.25)

### FRIED DILL PICKLE SPEARS

Crunchy dill pickle spears covered in bread crumbs and deep fried. Served with a side of jalapeño ranch sauce for dipping. Damn, this is some deep-fried Southern goodness, y'all. 6.75

### BAD-ASS BUFFALO WINGS

A dozen wings, served with celery and blue cheese **or** ranch dressing. *Choose from the following flavors:* Original Buffalo Style, Spicy Honey Barbecue, Lemon Pepper, Asian Sweet & Spicy **or** Teriyaki. They're so good you'll be gnawing on the bones. 9.95

### CHICKEN DIGITS

Tender, juicy strips of chicken, battered and fried. Served with french fries **or** tots, and your choice of barbecue **or** honey mustard dipping sauce. Chickens are tasty little critters that want you to eat them. 8.75

### BFF CAITLIN'S MINI CORN DOGS

All the fun of full-sized corn dogs without the commitment. Our mini turkey corn puppies (yes, weenies made of turkey) are "stickless" and bite-sized. So bite a few, and that tiny weiner lover, Caitlin, will be your BFF too! 6.25

### SWEET POTATO FRIES

A big batch of crinkle-cut style fries served with your choice of Tasmanian pepperberry sauce **or** sticky, messy, sweet, gooey marshmallow sauce. Either way, you can't lose. 7.95

### TORTILLA CHIPS & SALSA

Freshly fried corn tortilla chips served with our homemade red tomato salsa. ¡Dios Mio! 4.25 (Add queso dip for 1.50, or guacamole for 2.25)

### CHEESY CHEDDAR BALLS

Big balls, little balls, medium balls. Put our deep-fried, beer-battered balls of cheddar-cheesy goodness in your mouth. They come with a side of jalapeño ranch dressing for dipping. So bite our cheesy balls! 7.25

### CHILI-CHEESE SPUDS

A heapin' helpin' of french fries **or** tater tots, topped with our Meaty Firehouse Chili, shredded cheddar cheese and diced red onion. They're sloppy-good. 7.25

### KARI-KARI

Delicate dumplings filled with cream cheese, puréed crab meat and garlic, flash-fried and served with sesame soy and sweet pepper dipping sauces. A tiny Japanese grandmother makes these for us with her own tiny hands. 8.95

### VORTEX GOO-FONDUE

Okay, if you're easily confused, it's not technically fondue. It's actually a cup of our gooey, hot, cheesy-cheese dip served with your choice of fries, tots **or** tortilla chips. Everything's better with cheesy-cheese goo. 6.95

(HANK SAYS add chorizo for 1.50)

### GRANDE GRINGO QUESADILLA

A tomato flour tortilla stuffed with melted jack and cheddar cheese and red salsa. Served with salsa and sour cream on the side. 7.95

(Add seasoned grilled chicken or chorizo for 1.50)

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WORLD FAMOUS ▯ AWARD WINNING  
- 100% CHOICE GROUND SIRLOIN -  
**VORTEX BURGERS**



Our burgers are served on fluffy sesame-seed egg buns. They're topped with lettuce, tomato and sweet red onion PLUS the various other ingredients described below.  
They're a half-pound of pure deliciousness cooked to any temperature you'd like!\*

**- CHOOSE FROM THIS LIST OF FREE SIDE ITEMS -**

All Vortex Burger and Sandwich plates include your choice of one of the following Side Items:  
A side portion of **FRENCH FRIES, TATER TOTS, POTATO SALAD, COLE SLAW, FRIED PLANTAINS**  
or a bag of **ZAPP'S POTATO CHIPS**.

**- OR SUBSTITUTE YOUR SIDE ITEM FOR SMALL UPCHARGE -**

You may substitute a side portion of **ONION RINGS, SWEET POTATO FRIES** or a cup of **SOUP** or **CHILI**  
for an additional **\$2.00**, or a **HOUSE** or **CAESAR** side salad for an additional **\$2.50**.

**THE USUAL SUSPECTS**

**PLAIN OL' VORTEX BURGER**

In all its sirloin glory, our original Vortex Burger is topped with lettuce, tomato and sweet red onion -and that's all! It's plain goood! **8.25**

**VORTEX CHILI BURGER**

Our original Vortex Burger slathered with a hearty helping of our Meaty Firehouse Chili, topped with shredded Jack & Cheddar cheese. **9.95**

**VORTEX CHEESEBURGER**

Our original Vortex Burger topped with your choice of **Cheese**: American, Swiss, Cheddar, Jack, Pepperjack, Provolone, Whiskey Pimento Cheese **or** a big glob of blue cheese spread. **9.50**

**VORTEX BACON CHEESEBURGER**

After you choose your cheese (see above), we'll add a bunch of our tasty, crispy bacon to finish off the best Bacon Cheeseburger ever! **9.95**

**THE VORTEX SIGNATURE SERIES**

**BLUE 'SHROOM BURGER**

Topped with our thick blue cheese spread, sautéed mushrooms and bacon. It's so good you'll see God. **10.25**

**TASMANIAN DEVIL BURGER**

Coated with a pepperberry rub and topped with pepperjack cheese and pineapple salsa. **10.95**

**HOLY GUACAMOLE BURGER**

Topped with jack cheese and a big glob of our freshly made guacamole. Heavenly. **10.25**

**BLACK 'N' SPICY BURGER**

Covered in Cajun spices, blackened and topped with pepperjack cheese and fire-roasted red peppers. **9.50**

**SWISS & MUSHROOM BURGER**

Topped with Swiss cheese and tasty sautéed mushrooms. **9.50**

**HELL BURGER**

Topped with pepperjack cheese, habanero relish, and a roasted jalapeño pepper. It's spicy, so don't order it if you're a pussy. No returns. **10.25**

**LONE STAR TEX MELT** (No lettuce, tomato or onion)

Topped with cheddar cheese, barbecue sauce and crispy onion rings. Served on Texas toast. **10.25**

**RAGIN' CAJUN BURGER**

Topped with a zesty blend of our secret Cajun sauce and pepperjack cheese. **9.50**

**SPANISH FLY BURGER**

Topped with a spicy serving of our secret ground chorizo mix and pepperjack cheese. **10.25**

**ELVIS BURGER**

Slathered with a King-sized helpin' of smooth peanut butter, bacon and fried bananas. **10.25**

**BLACK & BLUE BURGER**

Coated with Cajun spices, blackened and topped with blue cheese spread. It'll knock you out. **9.50**

**STEAKHOUSE BURGER**

Topped with sautéed onions and mushrooms, Swiss & cheddar cheese and our super-secret Vortex steak sauce. **10.25**

**BIG BLUE BUFFALO BURGER**

Drenched in our original buffalo wing sauce and topped with our thick blue cheese spread. **9.50**  
(Try it with chicken instead of beef: **10.25**)

**YOKOHAMA MAMA BURGER**

Topped with our special teriyaki glaze, jack cheese and a ring of grilled pineapple. **9.50**

**HUNGRY CHUCK'S COWBOY BURGER**

Topped with grilled ham, jack cheese and our spicy honey barbecue sauce. Yee-haw! **10.25**

**HORSERADISH BURGER**

A blackened burger patty, topped with horseradish sauce, grilled onions, sautéed mushrooms and jack cheese. **10.25**

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# THE ORIGINAL VORTEX HEART STOPPERS



We introduced the Coronary Bypass Burger™ in the late 1990's, and we have been imitated ever since. So beware of cheesy, sleazy, greasy counterfeits, because The Vortex is the originator of these Heart-Stoppingly ridiculous and delicious Mega-burgers.

## THE CORONARY BYPASS™

Our big half-pound sirloin patty topped with a fried egg, three slices of American cheese, four slices of bacon, with plenty of mayo on the side that we expect you to slather all over this burger. And yes, it comes with a side item too. **10.50**

## THE DOUBLE CORONARY BYPASS™

Twice as big as the Coronary Bypass! Topped with two fried eggs, six slices of American cheese, and eight slices of bacon, all served between two grilled cheese sandwiches that we use in place of the regular hamburger buns. **16.95**

## THE TRIPLE CORONARY BYPASS™ (aka THE SUPER STACK)

Made with two half-pound Vortex sirloin patties stacked inside three grilled cheese sandwiches, topped with two fried eggs, eight slices of American cheese, ten slices of bacon and plenty of mayo on the side. With this burger we choose your side for you, and it's a big bowl of fries and tots covered in our cheesy-cheese goo.

This super-stack is a heart attack waiting to happen. Enjoy! (No lettuce, tomato or onion) **28.95**

## THE MEATPACKER MELT™

A Vortex sirloin patty topped with sliced turkey, ham, American, Swiss and cheddar cheese all griddled together on swirled rye bread. This is the best "melt" you have ever put in your mouth. (No lettuce, tomato or onion- JUST MEAT!) **11.50**

## THE CARNIVORGASM™

A sirloin patty, a turkey patty, pulled barbecued chicken, bacon, sliced ham, turkey, cheddar cheese and whiskey pimento cheese, all covered in Vortex barbecue sauce and crammed between two buns. (No lettuce, tomato or onion- JUST MEAT!) **16.25**

### \*BURGER TEMPERATURE COOKING GUIDE

**RARE** = Cool Red Center □ **MEDIUM-RARE** = Warm Red Center □ **MEDIUM** = Pink Hot Center  
**MEDIUM-WELL** = Slight Pink Center □ **WELL-DONE** = Cooked Through, No Pink (Burger Blasphemy)

## BEEF PATTY SUBSTITUTIONS

Want a "Non-Beef" Vortex Burger? Select any one of our burger styles, and we'll substitute the beef patty with your choice from the non-beef alternatives listed below. Just ADD the amount shown to the regular beef burger price.

### VEGGIE PATTY

A meatless patty made with a combination of oats, brown rice, vegetables and seasonings. **+\$1.50**

### BLACK BEAN VEGGIE PATTY

The same meatless patty with spicy black beans added to the mix. **+\$1.50**

### TURKEY PATTY

Our seasoned ground turkey is lower in fat than beef. It might even be good for you. **+\$1.50**

### CHICKEN BREAST

A juicy, grilled 6-ounce breast of farm-fresh chicken. Stupid, delicious chickens. **+\$1.50**

If you order a "plain" non-beef burger, it will be topped with lettuce, tomato and onion just like The Plain Ol' Vortex Burger.

## HOMEMADE SOUP & CHILI

All of our soup and chili is made fresh, in-house every morning. We serve our soup with crackers and our chili with a piece of our delicious homemade jalapeño corn bread. We'll add shredded Jack & Cheddar cheese on top of any of them, on your request.

### THE VORTEX SOUP OF THE DAY

Ask your Server for today's delicious homemade selection. Get a cup for **3.25** or a bowl for **3.95**

### MEATY FIREHOUSE CHILI

Our Meaty Firehouse chili is made with ground sirloin, chipotle & habenero peppers and a secret combination of seasonings, but no beans, 'cause it's meaty. It has a nice level of heat, but it's flavorful, not crazy or over the top. If you think it's too spicy you are a big sissy and should be ashamed of yourself.

Get a cup for **3.95** or a bowl for **4.50**

### WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

Our version of classic American White Chicken Chili is made with chicken, garbanzo beans, peppers, black beans, onion and cilantro all cooked in a seasoned chicken stock. It is slightly smoky with a little bit of heat. It is lighter, and lower in calories than our traditional beef-based chili, if you care about that sort of thing.

Get a cup for **3.95** or a bowl for **4.50**



**\*MANDATORY GOVERNMENT ADVISORY STATEMENT:**  
The consumption of raw or undercooked foods such as meat, poultry, fish, shellfish and eggs which contain harmful bacteria, may cause serious illness or death.





# VORTEX SANDWICHES



Our Sandwiches come with a free Side Item. They are listed in the Burger section. So find the list and PICK ONE. If you want to choose your own type of bread, we keep the following selection on hand: **THICK SLICED WHITE, WHOLE WHEAT, SWIRL RYE, FOCACCIA, HOAGIE ROLL, PITA BREAD, BURGER BUN** or a **TOMATO FLOUR TORTILLA**.

## BIG NINE-INCH WEENIE

You know you crave that big 9-incher. A thick, delicious, pure-beef weenie grilled over an open flame, served naked on a butter-griddled bun. You can dress your weenie with these items at no additional cost: *coleslaw, sauerkraut, diced raw onions, relish and/or sautéed onions*. **8.95**

## SUPER FAT CHILI DOG

Our big 9-inch weenie covered with our Meaty Firehouse Chili, topped with shredded jack & cheddar and diced red onion. **10.25**

## DIRTY CAJUN'S SPICY HOT LINK

A grilled, spicy Louisiana Andouille sausage, topped with lettuce, tomato, red onion, jalapeño jack cheese and our homemade remoulade served on a grilled hoagie roll. **8.25**

## BROOKLYN EGGHEAD

Two fried eggs topped with American cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato and red onion, served on grilled Texas toast. Add your own mayo and it's perfect! **8.25** (HANK SAYS add chorizo for 1.50)

## BUFFALO CHICKEN WRAP

Breaded, fried chicken strips tossed in wing sauce, wrapped up in a flour tortilla with romaine lettuce, blue cheese crumbles and avocado ranch dressing. **9.25**

## GRILLED CHICKEN MELT

A juicy grilled chicken breast, topped with grilled tomato and our special bacon and scallion cream cheese spread, all served on home-baked focaccia bread. Love those stupid, tasty chickens. **9.25**

## VORTEX VEGGIE MELT

Your choice of a plain *or* black bean veggie patty, grilled on swirl rye bread, and topped with provolone cheese, sautéed mushrooms, honey mustard dressing, roasted red pepper, sweet red onion and tomato. **10.25**

## GRILLED CHEESE-O-RAMA

*Choose your cheese from this selection:*

American, Swiss, Cheddar, Jack, Pepperjack, Provolone *or* Whiskey Pimento Cheese. Grilled on your choice of bread. **6.95**

## CLUB DELUXE

Sliced smoked turkey, black forest ham, bacon, Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato, topped with mayonnaise and served on toasted white, wheat or rye bread. **9.25**

## \*CLASSIC REUBEN (\*you can substitute Sliced Turkey)

This is the tastiest Reuben outside of a New York deli, and definitely the best Reuben in Atlanta. Hot \*Corned Beef, Swiss cheese, caraway sauerkraut and thousand island dressing, all grilled together on our swirl rye bread. **10.50**

## KACY'S TURKEY MELT

Grilled sliced turkey, tomato, bacon and cheddar cheese, served on toasted pita bread with a side of ranch dressing, for dipping. **9.25**

## SARITA'S CUBANA (Served as-is, no substitutions)

A Cuban roll stuffed with pepper-roasted pork, ham, Swiss cheese, sliced pickles and spicy mustard, drenched in mojo marinade then grilled nice and flat. Le zumba el merequeté! **8.95**

# GARDEN-FRESH SALADS

Choose from the following selection of dressings:

**RANCH, BLUE CHEESE, AVOCADO RANCH, THOUSAND ISLAND, CAESAR, JALAPENO RANCH, ITALIAN, HONEY MUSTARD, BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE** or **OIL & VINEGAR**. (Extra Dressings: 75¢ each)

## VORTEX HOUSE SALAD

Fresh mixed greens, tomato wedges, sweet red onion, mushrooms and sliced cucumber, topped with our homemade croutons. Served with your choice of dressing. **7.25** [ Side House Salad: 4.95 ]

## BARBEQUED CHICKEN SALAD

Mixed field greens, corn & black bean relish, diced tomatoes, shredded jack & cheddar cheese and fried tortilla strips, all topped with pulled, barbecued chicken and jalapeño ranch dressing. **9.75**

## CAESAR SALAD

Romaine lettuce tossed in our Caesar dressing, topped with homemade croutons and shredded parmesan cheese. **7.25** [ Side Caesar Salad: 4.95 ]

## ACAPULCO SALAD

Shredded greenleaf lettuce topped with a sliced grilled chicken breast, diced tomato, black olives and shredded jack & cheddar cheese. Tossed in our avocado ranch dressing, and served in a fried flour tortilla shell. **9.25** (Add guacamole for 2.25)

## DAILY SPECIALS & DESSERTS

Ask your Server about today's Specials and Desserts because they change from day-to-day. Our crack-team of highly trained professionals will be able to tell you everything you need to know.

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