

Meso Maya in Dallas' Lakewood neighborhood is now open | GuideLive



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Lakewood residents looking for traditional Mexican food can find it at **Meso Maya**, [the newest restaurant at the Mockingbird Lane and Abrams Road intersection in Dallas.](#)



The Meso Maya in Lakewood was a complete gut job. Here's the restaurant in early 2016, before the patio was added and the

facade was painted a rust red.

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Meso Maya has other restaurants near downtown Dallas and in Preston Hollow. [Another one is expected to open in downtown Fort Worth.](#)

Of note, Meso Maya is not a Tex-Mex restaurant. It's traditional Mexican, with [dishes](#) such as *cochinita pibil* (braised pork) and *bistek Oaxaca* (a strip loin with a tamal and roasted green sauce). And interestingly, Meso Maya is operated by the restaurant group behind Snuffer's burgers and the nearly ubiquitous El Fenix Tex-Mex joint. That likely means we'll see more Meso Mayas in town if they follow the trajectories of Snuffer's and El Fenix.

Meso Maya's bar menu has interesting cocktails for drinkers who can think outside the traditional margarita. The avocado margarita, made in part with muddled avo and pineapple and lime juice, is a signature. *Dallas Morning News* restaurant critic Leslie Brenner enjoyed a mescal cocktail when she reviewed the Meso Maya near downtown Dallas in 2013. [She awarded the restaurant three stars.](#) She also loved the restaurant's *posole* (Mexican stew) and listed Meso Maya as one of [The Best in DFW: Mexican and Tex-Mex Restaurants.](#)

Meso Maya opened Aug. 15. It serves lunch and dinner seven days a week. Brunch is Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to the website.

4123 Abrams Road, Dallas. mesomaya.com.