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Thank you for trusting us with your heirloom seeds order. As a bonus gift for being such a great customer of ours, we would like to give you complete planting, sprouting and storing instructions for your heirloom seeds.

You can download this free PDF guide at
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It will have information on each of the 50 seed varieties you now own, as seen in the succeeding pages. We hope you enjoy this little gift from us at Grow For It[®], and best luck on your home garden!

PLANTING

BEET, CYLINDRA

Imported from Denmark, this beet is unusual for its carrot-like root. Sweet, dark red flesh is ring-free and the skin is very easy to peel.

Quantity: 150 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½”

Plant Spacing: 2” to 3”

Row Spacing: 12” to 18”

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 5-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Half Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-10

Days to Maturity: 50-60 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Cabbage, celery, chamomile, chard, dwarf beans, kohlrabi, lettuce, onions, silverbeet, spinach

Incompatible Plants: Runner beans, tall beans

BEET, EARLY WONDER

This excellent all-round variety has tops great for greens and bulbs ideal for baking, boiling, pickling, and freezing. Highly nutritious!

Quantity: 150 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½”

Plant Spacing: 2” to 3”

Row Spacing: 12” to 18”

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 5-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Half Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-10

Days to Maturity: 48-55 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Cabbage, celery, chamomile, chard, dwarf beans, kohlrabi, lettuce, onions, silverbeet, spinach

Incompatible Plants: Runner beans, tall beans

BROCCOLI, GREEN SPROUTING CALABRESE

An increasing popular variety. Delicious eaten raw, steamed, or stir-friend. Easy to grow and highly productive.

Quantity: 100 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼”

Plant Spacing: 18” to 24”

Row Spacing: 24” to 36”

Indoor Sowing: 3-5 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-10

Days to Maturity: 58-60 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Basil, beets, chamomile, cucumbers, dill, mint, nasturtiums, onions, oregano, peas, rosemary, sage, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Beans, strawberries

BRUSSELS SPROUTS, LONG ISLAND IMPROVED

The most popular Brussels Sprout variety is high yielding and grows to about 24” high. Does best in cool temperatures. Great for frozen storage.

Quantity: 150 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼”

Plant Spacing: 18” to 24”

Row Spacing: 24” to 36”

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: Not recommended

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-8

Days to Maturity: 90-115 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Artichoke, beets, peas, potatoes, rosemary, sage, spinach

Incompatible Plants: Grapes, kohlrabi, pole beans, strawberries, tomatoes

CABBAGE, COPENHAGEN MARKET

An early variety known for resistance to splitting, and having great flavor and size.

Quantity: 100 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 40 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼”

Plant Spacing: 10” to 18”

Row Spacing: 24” to 30”

Indoor Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: Not recommended

Germination Time: 7-12 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily); for warm climates, provide partial shade.

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, short days

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 2-10

Days to Maturity: 65-75 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Beans, celery, cucumbers, dill, kale, lettuce, onions, potatoes, sage, spinach, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, cauliflower, oregano, strawberries, tomatoes

CABBAGE, GOLDEN ACRE

Excellent early summer variety, ball-head cabbage. Small- to medium-sized green, round solid heads on compact plants with few outer leaves.

Quantity: 100 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 40 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼”

Plant Spacing: 18” to 24”

Row Spacing: 24” to 36”

Indoor Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 12-16 weeks before first fall frost

Germination Time: 5-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily); for warm climates, provide partial shade.

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, short days

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 2-11

Days to Maturity: 58-65 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Beans, celery, cucumbers, dill, kale, lettuce, onions, potatoes, sage, spinach, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, cauliflower, oregano, strawberries, tomatoes

CARROT, DANVERS

High yields of up to 8" long, uniform, bright-orange roots. Stores very well. Developed in Danvers, Massachusetts in the late 1800s.

Quantity: 500 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼" – ½"

Plant Spacing: 2" to 3"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 2-3 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 14-21 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cool, warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 65-75 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Beans, lettuce, onions, peas, radish, rosemary, sage, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Anise, dill, parsley

CARROT, SCARLET NANTES

Produces high yields of 5-6" long orange carrots. Excellent in quality. Great for salads, soups, stews, and juice. Very good storage carrot.

Quantity: 500 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼" – ½"

Plant Spacing: 2" to 3"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 2-3 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 14-21 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cool, warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 65-75 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Beans, lettuce, onions, peas, radish, rosemary, sage, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Anise, dill, parsley

CAULIFLOWER, SNOWBALL Y IMPROVED

Large white, delicious solid heads are of excellent quality. Serve cooked, steamed, or raw with dips or in salads.

Quantity: 100 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 50 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼" – ½"

Plant Spacing: 15" to 18"

Row Spacing: 24" to 26"

Indoor Sowing: 6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2-3 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 5-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cool

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Half Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-11

Days to Maturity: 52-65 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, beans, dill, garlic, hyssop, lettuce, marigold, mint, onions, rosemary, sage, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Grapes, peas, rue, strawberries, tomatoes

CELERY, TALL UTAH

You haven't tasted real celery if you haven't tasted homegrown Tall Utah! Produces 11" tender, crisp stalks. Grows to an overall height of 30".

Quantity: 300 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 50 – 70° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1/16"

Plant Spacing: 9" to 12"

Row Spacing: 24" to 36"

Indoor Sowing: 8-10 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: Not recommended

Germination Time: 7-12 days

Sun Exposure: Light Shade (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cool

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Half Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-10

Days to Maturity: 70-125 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Bush beans, cabbage, nasturtiums, onions, spinach, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Carrots, parsley, parsnip

COLLARDS, GEORGIA SOUTHERN

A great traditional variety of collards, boasting excellent taste and high nutritional value. Vitamins A, B1, B2 and C. Great for freezing and canning as well!

Quantity: 300 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 70° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½”

Plant Spacing: 12” to 18”

Row Spacing: 24” to 36”

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date (start indoors if insects and pests are a problem)

Direct Sowing: 2-8 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun / Partial Shade (6 hours)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Super Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 75-85 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, beans, chamomile, dill, garlic, mint, nasturtiums, onions, potatoes, rosemary, sage, southernwood, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Grapes, rue, tansy

COLLARDS, VATES

A great traditional variety of collards, boasting excellent taste and high nutritional value. Vitamins A, B1, B2 and C. Great for freezing and canning as well!

Quantity: 300 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 70° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½”

Plant Spacing: 12” to 18”

Row Spacing: 24” to 36”

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date (start indoors if insects and pests are a problem)

Direct Sowing: 2-8 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun / Partial Shade (6 hours)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Super Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 75-85 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, beans, chamomile, dill, garlic, mint, nasturtiums, onions, potatoes, rosemary, sage, southernwood, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Grapes, rue, tansy

CORN SALAD, DUTCH

Also known as “Lamb’s Lettuce”, this leafy green is an excellent addition to any salad. Mildly flavored; goes well with arugula, endive and mustard.

Quantity: 150 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 40 – 65° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½”

Plant Spacing: 3” to 6”

Row Spacing: 12” to 18”

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 10-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-11

Days to Maturity: 90-100 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Beets, cabbage, clover, peas, peppers, radish, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Celery, cress, parsley

CUCUMBER, MARKETMORE

One of the most popular varieties for salads and raw consumption. Great flavor, and high yielding!

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 60 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½”

Plant Spacing: 12” to 24”

Row Spacing: 5’ to 6’

Indoor Sowing: 2 weeks after last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-4 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 4-12 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-14

Days to Maturity: 55-60 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Beans, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, lettuce, peas, radish, sunflowers

Incompatible Plants: Aromatic herbs, melon, potatoes

CUCUMBER, BOSTON PICKLING

A favorite for pickling. Yields are high and continuous. Perfect for sweet or dill pickles. Harvest when 2" to 7" long.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 60 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½"

Plant Spacing: 12" to 24"

Row Spacing: 5' to 6'

Indoor Sowing: 2 weeks after last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-4 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 4-12 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-14

Days to Maturity: 50-60 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Beans, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, lettuce, peas, radish, sunflowers

Incompatible Plants: Aromatic herbs, melon, potatoes

DILL, LONG ISLAND MAMMOTH

Leaves are used in salads and dips, and to flavor meats, fish and soups. Seeds are also used in pickle recipes and to flavor baked goods. Grows 3'-5' tall.

Quantity: 100 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 60 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½"

Plant Spacing: 12" to 18"

Row Spacing: 18" to 24"

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 2-6 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 12-18 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily); also needs protection from strong winds.

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 8-14

Days to Maturity: 40-60 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, marigold, onions, roses

Incompatible Plants: Carrots, cilantro, potatoes, tomatoes

EGGPLANT, BLACK BEAUTY

This variety remains the world standard since 1902. A versatile "fruit," it is great fried, baked or grilled.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½"

Plant Spacing: 18" to 24"

Row Spacing: 30" to 36"

Indoor Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 6-8 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-14

Days to Maturity: 72-90 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Bush beans, catnip, garlic, marigold, peas, peppers, potatoes, spinach, tarragon, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Apricots, corn, tomatoes

EGGPLANT, LONG PURPLE

This plant produces moderate yields of 6" to 10" beautiful and very shiny, dark purple eggplants. Excellent baked, fried or grilled. Imported from India.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼"

Plant Spacing: 18" to 24"

Row Spacing: 24" to 36"

Indoor Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 6-8 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-14

Days to Maturity: 70-75 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Bush beans, catnip, garlic, marigold, peas, peppers, potatoes, spinach, tarragon, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Apricots, corn, tomatoes

KALE, DWARF SIBERIAN

A leafy green that grows well even in warmer temperatures. Great steamed or with stir-fry dishes. Excellent for attracting deer when plot planted.

Quantity: 500 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½”

Plant Spacing: 18” to 24”

Row Spacing: 24” to 36”

Indoor Sowing: 5 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2-4 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 50-65 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Beets, celery, cucumbers, dill, garlic, herbs, hyssop, lettuce, mint, nasturtiums, onions, potatoes, rosemary, sage, spinach, Swiss chard

Incompatible Plants: Beans, grapes, rue, strawberries, tomatoes

KOHLRABI, PURPLE VIENNA

An unusual but great-tasting and incredibly nutritious vegetable. Tastes mildly like broccoli with a hint of cabbage. Can be eaten raw or cooked. Roast, steam or add to soups.

Quantity: 200 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 50 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½”

Plant Spacing: 6” to 8”

Row Spacing: 12”

Indoor Sowing: 4-5 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 5-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 55-65 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Beets, celery, herbs, onions, potatoes

Incompatible Plants: Pole beans, strawberries, tomatoes

LETTUCE, BLACK SEEDED SIMPSON

A favorite leaf lettuce with bright green leaves, which are tender and mild at all stages of growth.

Quantity: 500 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 60 – 70° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1/8"

Plant Spacing: 8" to 12"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: 5-6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2-4 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Half Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-9

Days to Maturity: 40-65 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Asparagus, beets, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, onions, peas, potatoes, radish, spinach, strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, celery, parsley

LETTUCE, BRONZE MIGNONETTE

Produces loose-leaf heads of bi-colored lettuce. Great for salads, sandwiches and wraps. Heat-tolerant and slow-bolting.

Quantity: 500 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 60 – 70° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1/8"

Plant Spacing: 8" to 12"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: 5-6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2-4 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Half Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-9

Days to Maturity: 60-65 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Asparagus, beets, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, onions, peas, potatoes, radish, spinach, strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, celery, parsley

LETTUCE, BUTTERCRUNCH

Very popular old-time favorite. Has loosely folded leaves and thick, crisp, tender ribs. Very heat-tolerant and slow to bolt. Won the 1963 All-America Selections (AAS) Award.

Quantity: 500 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 60 – 70° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1/8"

Plant Spacing: 8" to 12"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: 5-6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2-4 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Half Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-9

Days to Maturity: 48-53 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Asparagus, beets, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, onions, peas, potatoes, radish, spinach, strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, celery, parsley

LETTUCE, OAK LEAF

Fast-growing and turns to autumn colors as it matures. Does well in summer heat. An excellent salad lettuce, commonly served in fine restaurants.

Quantity: 500 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 60 – 70° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1/8"

Plant Spacing: 8" to 12"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: 5-6 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 2-4 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Half Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-9

Days to Maturity: 48-50 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Asparagus, beets, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, onions, peas, potatoes, radish, spinach, strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, celery, parsley

CANTALOUPE, HALE'S BEST JUMBO

A great old heirloom variety that has stood the test of time. Sweet and fragrant. Wonderful eaten freshly sliced, or juiced for nutritious drinks.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 65 – 80° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½"

Plant Spacing: 36" to 48"

Row Spacing: 4' to 6'

Indoor Sowing: 3-4 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 1-2 weeks after last frost date; ideal only if you have a long, hot growing season.

Germination Time: 4-8 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Very Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-11

Days to Maturity: 74-88 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Anise, basil, bee balm, catnip, chives, cilantro, corn, dill, garlic, marigold, mint, nasturtiums, onions, pumpkin, radish, sage, tansy

Incompatible Plants: Potatoes

MELON, HEARTS OF GOLD

Good yields of 3-lb. melons. Super sweet and have a deep-orange flesh. An excellent home garden melon introduced in 1895.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 65 – 80° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½"

Plant Spacing: 36" to 48"

Row Spacing: 4' to 6'

Indoor Sowing: 3-4 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 1-2 weeks after last frost date; ideal only if you have a long, hot growing season.

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Very Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-11

Days to Maturity: 70-97 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Anise, basil, bee balm, catnip, chives, cilantro, corn, dill, garlic, marigold, mint, nasturtiums, onions, pumpkin, radish, sage, tansy

Incompatible Plants: Potatoes

MUSTARD (GREENS), FLORIDA BROADLEAF

Mildly flavored, a favorite variety that matures in only 45 days. Steam, sauté, or cook in broth. Easy to grow in the North or the South.

Quantity: 600 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 65 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½”

Plant Spacing: 3” to 6”

Row Spacing: 18”

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 2-4 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 2-11

Days to Maturity: 30-55 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Dill, English peas, fennel, flowering buckwheat, jasmine, mint, snap peas, tansy, turnips, yarrow

Incompatible Plants: Dried beans, field pennycress, pigweed, shepherd's purse, soybeans, sunflowers, wild mustard

OKRA, CLEMSON SPINELESS

Tender pods that are great for gumbo recipes, frying or boiling. A southern classic which is great for pickling as well.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 70 – 95° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½ – 1”

Plant Spacing: 12” to 18”

Row Spacing: 36” to 48”

Indoor Sowing: 2-4 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-5 weeks after last frost date; ideal if your growing season is long enough.

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-11

Days to Maturity: 52-64 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, cucumbers, eggplant, melon, peas, peppers, radish, snow pea vines, sunflowers

Incompatible Plants: No known bad companion plants

OKRA, EMERALD

High yields of long, green pods that remain tender even at 8". Will also retain beautiful emerald green color when canned, unlike other varieties.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 70 – 95° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼"

Plant Spacing: 12" to 24"

Row Spacing: 36" to 48"

Indoor Sowing: 2-4 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-5 weeks after last frost date; ideal if your growing season is long enough.

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-11

Days to Maturity: 66-72 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, cucumbers, eggplant, melon, peas, peppers, radish, snow pea vines, sunflowers

Incompatible Plants: No known bad companion plants

ONION, BURGUNDY RED

Produces beautiful 5" wide, deep-red onions which are mild and sweet. Great for slicing. Short day variety.

Quantity: 200 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½"

Plant Spacing: 4" to 6"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: 16 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 10-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm, long days

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-10

Days to Maturity: 100-150 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, peppers, potatoes, radish, spinach, squash, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Beans, peas, sage

ONION, WHITE SWEET SPANISH

Produces large globe-shaped onions up to 1 lb. A very good storing onion, this one sets the standard for white onion varieties.

Quantity: 200 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 55 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½"

Plant Spacing: 4" to 6"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: 16 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 10-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm, long days

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-10

Days to Maturity: 100-150 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, peppers, potatoes, radish, spinach, squash, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Beans, peas, sage

PARSNIP, HOLLOW CROWN

Produces large 15" long and 3" wide smooth, off-white roots with a sweet, nutty flavor. Can be used like carrots in stews and soups, or can be steamed, fried, or sautéed in butter.

Quantity: 250 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½"

Plant Spacing: 2" to 4"

Row Spacing: 18" to 24"

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 2 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 2-3 weeks

Sun Exposure: Does good in light shade, but more productive in full sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 2-9

Days to Maturity: 95-110 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Bush beans, garlic, onions, peas, peppers, potatoes, radish

Incompatible Plants: Caraway, carrots, celery, larkspur

BELL PEPPER, CALIFORNIA WONDER

Produces large green (red with age on plant), sweet and very mild peppers. Great for eating fresh or stuffed and baked.

Quantity: 75 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼"

Plant Spacing: 12"-24"

Row Spacing: 24"-36"

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: Not recommended

Germination Time: 10-21 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily); for very warm climates, provide light shade.

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Very Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 9-11

Days to Maturity: 70-75 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, coriander, marjoram, onions, oregano, parsley, rosemary, spinach, squash, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Apricots, beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, fennel, kale, kohlrabi, mustard

PEPPER, EARLY JALAPENO

Produces good yields of 2.5" long hot peppers. The peppers turn bright red when mature. Great for salsa and pickling. Can also be eaten right off the bush if you can handle the heat!

Quantity: 75 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼"

Plant Spacing: 12"- 18"

Row Spacing: 24"-36"

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: Not recommended

Germination Time: 10-21 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily); for very warm climates, provide light shade.

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Very Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-12

Days to Maturity: 72-75 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, coriander, marjoram, onions, oregano, parsley, rosemary, spinach, squash, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Apricots, beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, fennel, kale, kohlrabi, mustard

PUMPKIN, SMALL SUGAR

A culinary variety prized for its taste and texture. Excellent for pies, soufflé, and any baking recipe calling for pumpkins.

Quantity: 25 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 65 – 95° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1 – 1½”

Plant Spacing: 6” to 12”

Row Spacing: 6’ to 10’

Indoor Sowing: 1-2 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-10 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 5-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-12

Days to Maturity: 100-105 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Corn, marigold, melon, nasturtiums, oregano, squash

Incompatible Plants: Potatoes

RADISH, CHERRY BELLE

A very popular variety that will grow just about anywhere! Shade, sun, indoors or out. Perfect for salads or in sandwiches.

Quantity: 200 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½”

Plant Spacing: 2” to 4”

Row Spacing: 12” to 24”

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 0-4 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 4-12 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-14

Days to Maturity: 20-30 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, carrots, coriander, cucumber, lettuce, onions, spinach, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Beans, hyssop, kohlrabi

RADISH, FRENCH BREAKFAST

Popular for its mild, slightly spicy and sweet flavor. Harvest smaller sizes for a more delicate flavor. Very easy to grow—one of the simple pleasures of spring!

Quantity: 200 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½”

Plant Spacing: 2” to 4”

Row Spacing: 12” to 24”

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 0-4 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 4-12 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-14

Days to Maturity: 20-30 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, carrots, coriander, cucumber, lettuce, onions, spinach, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Beans, hyssop, kohlrabi

RUTABAGA, AMERICAN PURPLE TOP

This large globe-shaped root vegetable is a great low-starch substitute for potatoes. Has yellow flesh that turns orange when cooked.

Quantity: 400 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼”

Plant Spacing: 2” to 4”

Row Spacing: 18” to 24”

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 90-100 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Beets, carrots, turnips

Incompatible Plants: Dill, grapes, pole beans, strawberries, tomatoes

SPINACH, BLOOMSDALE LONG STANDING

Highly nutritious, begins producing "baby" leaves in only 25 days! Excellent for salads, added to soups, dips, and even pizza topping!

Quantity: 100 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 75° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½"

Plant Spacing: 2" to 6"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 4-6 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily); for warmer climates, plant in a shady location.

Growing Condition: Cold, cool, warm

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Super Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 6-9

Days to Maturity: 39-60 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Bush beans, cabbage, celery, eggplant, leeks, lettuce, onions, peas, strawberries

Incompatible Plants: Potatoes

SQUASH, EARLY PROLIFIC STRAIGHTNECK

A popular summer variety that produces very high yields. Delicious fried, grilled or boiled.

Quantity: 25 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 60 – 90° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½ – 1"

Plant Spacing: 36" to 48"

Row Spacing: 36"

Indoor Sowing: 1 week before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-12 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 5-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-12

Days to Maturity: 42-50 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Borage, corn, melon, pumpkin, marigold, nasturtiums, oregano

Incompatible Plants: Potatoes

SQUASH, TABLE QUEEN

This popular winter variety is a favorite for fresh soup. Also delicious baked, steamed or even microwaved! Keeps through the winter months, too.

Quantity: 25 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 65 – 95° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½ – 1”

Plant Spacing: 36” to 48”

Row Spacing: 36”

Indoor Sowing: 1 week before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-12 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 5-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-12

Days to Maturity: 58-90 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Borage, corn, melon, pumpkin, marigold, nasturtiums, oregano

Incompatible Plants: Potatoes

ZUCCHINI SQUASH, DARK GREEN

A very popular summer squash. Great for grilling, stir-fry, and baked recipes. Produces fast-growing, heavy yields. Harvest when 12” to 16” long.

Quantity: 25 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 70 – 95° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1”

Plant Spacing: 24” to 36”

Row Spacing: 48”

Indoor Sowing: 1 week before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-12 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: High

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-12

Days to Maturity: 45-65 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Borage, corn, melon, pumpkin, marigold, nasturtiums, oregano

Incompatible Plants: Potatoes

SWISS CHARD, RUBY RED

Bright red stalks with shiny green leaves, this variety will produce all summer and into the fall. Delicious for salads, stir-fried or steamed.

Quantity: 75 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 40 – 95° F

Seed Planting Depth: ½ – 1”

Plant Spacing: 6” to 12”

Row Spacing: 18” to 24”

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 0-2 weeks after last frost date

Germination Time: 10-21 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 5-11

Days to Maturity: 55-60 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Cabbage, carrots, lettuce, onion, peas, tomatoes

Incompatible Plants: Pole beans

TOMATO, RED BEEFSTEAK

Hugely popular for flavor and large girth, this indeterminate variety can reach weights of over 2 pounds! One of the best for sandwiches and burgers, as well as for slicing and eating.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½”

Plant Spacing: 36” to 48”

Row Spacing: 4’ to 5’

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 4-12 weeks after last frost date; ideal only for areas with a long growing season.

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-14

Days to Maturity: 62-115 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Asparagus, basil, beans, borage, carrots, celery, dill, lettuce, melon, onions, parsley, peppers, radish, spinach, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, kale, potatoes

TOMATO, FLORADADE

An excellent multi-purpose tomato, this determinate variety produces large yields of 8-oz. fruits. Great for slicing, canning and cooking.

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½"

Plant Spacing: 36" to 48"

Row Spacing: 4' to 5'

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 4-12 weeks after last frost date; ideal only for areas with a long growing season.

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-14

Days to Maturity: 70-90 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Asparagus, basil, beans, borage, carrots, celery, dill, lettuce, melon, onions, parsley, peppers, radish, spinach, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, kale, potatoes

TOMATO, RED CHERRY LARGE

This favorite is loved for its very high yields of very sweet 1.5" fruits. An excellent salad tomato that's perfect for eating right off the vine!

Quantity: 50 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼"

Plant Spacing: 18" to 24"

Row Spacing: 3' to 4'

Indoor Sowing: 6-8 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 4-12 weeks after last frost date; ideal only for areas with a long growing season.

Germination Time: 7-10 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-14

Days to Maturity: 70-90 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Asparagus, basil, beans, borage, carrots, celery, dill, lettuce, melon, onions, parsley, peppers, radish, spinach, thyme

Incompatible Plants: Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, kale, potatoes

TURNIP, PURPLE TOP

An all-time favorite. Very easy to grow and versatile in the many ways to prepare and eat. It's a true staple of the root vegetable family. Mass plant for greens and to attract deer.

Quantity: 400 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½"

Plant Spacing: 4" to 6"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 2-4 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 50-55 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Cabbage, celery, dill, onions, peas, mint, rosemary, sage

Incompatible Plants: Delphinium, larkspur, pole beans, potatoes, radish, mustard

TURNIP, SHOGGIN

Produces solid white globe turnip. Best when harvested at around 4" in diameter. One of the best varieties for greens. Tops grow to about 20" tall.

Quantity: 400 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 45 – 85° F

Seed Planting Depth: ¼ – ½"

Plant Spacing: 4" to 6"

Row Spacing: 12" to 18"

Indoor Sowing: Not recommended

Direct Sowing: 2-4 weeks before last frost date

Germination Time: 7-14 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Cold, cool

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Hardy

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 3-11

Days to Maturity: 50-55 days

Life Cycle: Biennial

Companion Plants: Cabbage, celery, dill, onions, peas, mint, rosemary, sage

Incompatible Plants: Delphinium, larkspur, pole beans, potatoes, radish, mustard

WATERMELON, BLACK DIAMOND

On the sweetness scale, this one is a 10! The vine produces large (up to 50 lbs.) dark green melons that store well and disappear fast!

Quantity: 25 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 80° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1”

Plant Spacing: 3’

Row Spacing: 6’

Indoor Sowing: 3-4 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-4 weeks after last frost date; ideal if your growing season is long & hot enough.

Germination Time: 5-8 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot, long days

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Very Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-9

Days to Maturity: 90-100 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, corn, marigold, nasturtiums, oregano, pumpkin, radish

Incompatible Plants: Beans, black walnut, cucumbers, mustard, potatoes, squash, zucchini

WATERMELON, CRIMSON SWEET

Considered a compact melon at 20-25 pounds, this little gem has flavor that certainly is large! Deep red flesh, small seeds—the good ol’ days are here!

Quantity: 25 Seeds

Soil Temperature: 75 – 80° F

Seed Planting Depth: 1”

Plant Spacing: 3’

Row Spacing: 6’

Indoor Sowing: 3-4 weeks before last frost date

Direct Sowing: 3-4 weeks after last frost date; ideal if your growing season is long & hot enough.

Germination Time: 5-8 days

Sun Exposure: Full Sun (6 hours daily)

Growing Condition: Warm, hot, long days

Water Requirement: Moderate

Hardiness: Very Tender

Ideal Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 4-9

Days to Maturity: 90-100 days

Life Cycle: Annual

Companion Plants: Basil, corn, marigold, nasturtiums, oregano, pumpkin, radish

Incompatible Plants: Beans, black walnut, cucumbers, mustard, potatoes, squash, zucchini

SOME NOTES:

(1) Not all seeds store well for long term. Onion, parsnip, pepper, and spinach usually need to be replaced every 2-3 years for best results.

(2) Due to the FDA warnings about the dangers of consuming raw sprouts, we have removed our sprouting instructions from this report. If you decide to sprout your seeds as a food source, you should consult the latest available information on the web. We strongly advise that you cook sprouts before consuming them.

STORING

BEST STORAGE TIPS FOR YOUR HEIRLOOM SEEDS

The airtight bag that your seeds came in is a highly suitable container as long as it's kept from heat. Storing the seeds in the refrigerator will keep them for a decade or so. Storing them in the freezer will extend their life to 20 years or so, making them the ideal disaster preparedness food source.

Heirloom seeds are very practical because they can provide a seed supply and food source for a lifetime. All you have to do is preserve the seeds that come from your harvests, keep them in Mason canning jars or pickle jars, and you can use them for many decades to come! You can even save money because you won't have to buy new seeds at the beginning of every season.

For more seed-storing tips, check these ones below:

- When saving seeds from your heirloom crops, you'll want to air-dry them for a week before storage. Just lay them out on newspapers until they're completely dry. Add labels so as not to mix them up.
- To prolong the shelf life of your heirloom seeds, you need to always keep them away from moisture, heat and light. Do this by first putting them in Ziploc bags and then placing them inside airtight containers. Glass jars work well as containers for your heirloom seeds.
- **Moisture** – Use desiccants like silica gels to remove the excess humidity and moisture in your seed jar. Put them inside the jar with your Ziploc seed bags and tightly seal the container. The desiccant should never come in direct contact with the heirloom seeds—hence the reason for using plastic bags. Remember to change the desiccant every six months as well.
- **Heat** – Aside from moisture, heat is one of the worst enemies of seed storage. Never expose the seeds to any kind of heat because it will shorten their viability.
- **Light** – The best place to store your seeds is in the darkest, driest and coolest part of your house. The refrigerator is a good option. Simply put your glass jars in the fridge (away from the freezer section) for long-term storage, but never take them out unless you're ready to plant them.

- Once you're ready to use the seeds, take the jars out from the refrigerator but don't remove their lids just yet. Wait until the seeds have adjusted to room temperature so you can prevent moisture from clumping the seeds together.
- Label and date your heirloom seed containers. This way, you can instantly tell which is which and how old they are. It's also a good idea to organize the seeds according to the season they were harvested for easy tracking.

Note that heirloom seeds have different shelf lives depending on their variety. For instance, corn might only be viable for a year while cantaloupes can go up to five years—which is why you'll have to keep planting and saving the seeds from your crops if you want a continuous supply of quality heirloom seeds.

So those are the best storing tips for preserving your heirloom seeds. Follow them properly so you can effectively save and store your seeds for future use.

THANK YOU!

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