

Summer squash



Description

Summer squash, a member of the Cucurbitaceae family, is a vegetable garden staple that's easy to sow.

Round or elongated, yellow or green, there's something for everyone!

Did you know that summer squash flowers are also edible?

Watering

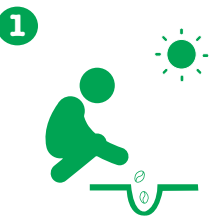


Regular watering is essential: summer squashes like to be watered 2 or 3 times a week.

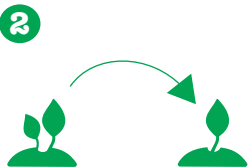


Do not wet the foliage to protect the plant from pests.

Sowing



1 Sow in a small hole about 30 cm deep. Place 3-4 seeds, spacing them well apart. Cover with potting soil. Water in fine rain.



2 As soon as 4-5 leaves appear, keep only the most vigorous plants.

Maintenance

Mulch to keep fruit fresh and protect it from contact with the ground.

Weeding regularly to limit weeds.



Harvest



Harvesting takes place 2 to 3 months after sowing, as and when required.

Summer squashes are harvested before the fruit is fully ripe. They should be between 15 and 25 cm long, otherwise too many seeds will develop.

Tips

A number of plants can be combined with summer squashes to protect them from pests and ensure their growth: aromatics like basil and thyme, but also beans, radishes and lettuce, and flowers like marigolds.

Companion plants ✓



To avoid ✗

