Butternut Squash

Cucurbita moschata 'Butternut'



Butternut Squash fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 8 feet

Spacing: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Winter Squash

Description:

Low maintenance and easy to grow, this selection is perfect for full sun gardens; produces 12" long squashes on long vines; tan exteriors lead to deep orange flesh with a beautiful sweet and nutty flavor that is great for roasting, soups, stews and baking

Edible Qualities

Butternut Squash is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green oblong fruit mottled with light green and orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruit will often fade to tan over time. The fruits have a sweet taste.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Butternut Squash will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 feet apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.