



Carrot Planting Guide

About Carrots

Carrots are widely used in cuisines, especially in the preparation of salads. While this root vegetable is most commonly observed as orange in color, there are also carrots of purple, black, red, white, and yellow color as well!

When to Plant

For summer harvesting, sow carrot seeds outdoors 3-5 weeks before the last frost in early spring. For fall harvesting, sow seeds in mid- to late-summer, starting about 10 weeks before your first fall frost.

Where to Plant

Carrots prefer full sun but can tolerate some shade. Seeds will grow best in deep, loose, and well-drained soil. It is best to sow seeds directly into the garden rather than starting indoors and later transplanting.

How to Plant

Plant the seeds 2" apart and 1/8-1/4" deep. Use a seed-sower or thin vigorously to distribute seeds evenly to avoid them growing together. Cover top of soil with a layer of fine compost.

Caring for Carrots

Keep the soil moist with frequent shallow waterings. Carrots require at least 1" of water to start, then 2" as roots mature. Gently mulch to retain moisture, speed germination, and block the sun from hitting the roots directly. Carrots sometimes take 2-3 weeks to show any sign of growth. When carrots are about as wide as your thumb or 1/2" in diameter, they are ready to harvest! Gently pull from the leafy top and enjoy! If you fail to harvest and leave carrots in the ground, the tops will flower and produce seeds in the next year.