



### About Radishes

Radishes are a fast-growing, annual, cool-season crop. This edible root vegetable is easy to grow, quick to harvest, and is known for its sharp, pungent flavor. Radishes are mostly used in salads, but also appear in many European dishes. The entire plant is edible with the tops often used as a leaf vegetable.

### When to Plant

Plant your radish seeds 4-6 weeks before the average last frost, or as soon as the soil is workable. Radishes prefer temperatures between 40-70 degrees F, with optimum temperatures being 60-65 degrees F.

### Where to Plant

Grow radishes in full sun or partial shade. They prefer loose, fertile, well-drained soil with a pH of 5.5 to 6.8. Planting radish seeds in pots produces the food quickly with minimum effort, but they can also be grown in the garden outdoors.

### How to Plant

Sow the seeds about 1/2" deep and about 1" apart. If planting outdoors, rows should be about 12" apart. Plant another round of seeds every 10 days or so, while the weather is still cool, for a continuous harvest.

### Caring for Radishes

Thin the seedlings out to 2-3" apart. Radish plants prefer a light watering 4-5 times per week, but be sure not to let the soil get soggy. A great way to keep the soil moist is by mulching with grass clippings, straw or strips of newspaper. Harvest your radishes as they mature, usually within less than 30 days, even if you don't plan to eat them quite yet. This improves the continuation of growth and harvest opportunities. Rotate your radishes to a different spot in your garden every 3 years.