



Radish

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When to Plant Seeds Outdoors:

Plant seeds mid-April for spring planting or mid-August for fall planting

Container Size for Container Gardening:

Use a 1-3 gallon container that is approximately 8-10 inches wide and 12 inches deep

Ground Spacing for In-Ground Gardening:

2 inches of space between plants

**Hours of
Sunlight:**

8-12 per day

**Amount
of Water:**

3-5 cups per week

Harvest:

Days Until Harvest: 21 days from planting outdoors

Use a digging fork or shovel to loosen soil around radishes. Pull radishes from the ground and wash. Store with the tops removed in a plastic bag in the refrigerator drawer. Radishes can be stored for up to 2 weeks. Wash before eating.



The information provided in this card is not exact for every growing experience and was designed for Champaign, Illinois in Zone 5b. You should read your seed packet or consult your local Extension agent for questions specific to your growing conditions.

Planting:

Radishes need loose, fluffy soil about 6 inches deep. Plant seeds 1/2 inch deep, 2 inches apart in rows (allowing 8 inches between rows) or in a 1-3 gallon container at least 12 inches deep. Plant seeds beginning in mid-April. Because radishes grow so quickly, you may want to plant more seeds every two weeks until late May. Radishes will not grow in the heat of the summer. Resume planting in mid-August.

Care:

Keep the area around the plant free of weeds. Give plants a little water every 2-3 days, either from rain or faucet, trying to maintain about 3-5 cups of water per week. Water plants in the morning, if possible, since plants produce nutrients during the day and need water to do this. Radishes prefer cool temperatures and may begin to wilt when it's hot. Move containers to areas with less sunlight on hot days, if possible.

Pests & Disease:

Watch for flea beetles, black bugs the size of a sesame seed. To prevent the bugs, use a fabric row cover. Many diseases can be managed by providing fertilizer and water regularly, having good airflow without overcrowded plants, and keeping water off of the leaves. Choose seeds that are disease resistant.