



Leek

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When to Plant Seeds Outdoors:

Plant seeds outdoors in early April

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:

6 inches of space between plants

Hours of Sunlight: 6-8 per day

Amount of Water: 3-5 cups per week

Harvest:

Days Until Harvest: 100 days from planting outdoors

Loosen soil around the plant and pull the whole plant. Trim roots and rinse very well before eating. Store in the fridge for 3-4 weeks.



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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:

Plant 6 seeds per foot, 1/4 inch below the soil surface in rows (allowing 2 feet between rows). Thin to 6 inches apart when plants start growing. If growing in containers, 1-2 plants per container 6-10 inches wide and 4-6 inches deep. Seeds can be planted outdoors in early April.

Care:

Keep the area around the plant free of weeds. Use a liquid fertilizer every 2 weeks through the growing season. Give plants a little water every 3-4 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. Hill soil (move soil up around the stem) 2 or 3 times while the plant is growing. This increases the edible part of the plant.

Pests & Disease:

Leeks are relatively pest free. Many diseases can be managed by providing fertilizer and water regularly, having good airflow without overcrowded plants, and keeping water off of the leaves.