

Plant sheet



Cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*)

A summer without cucumbers is no summer at all, in my opinion. So many summer salads require its crunchy freshness. Even on its own, peeled and cubed and tossed in some olive oil and balsamic vinegar, it makes a refreshing salad.

Grow it in rich soil with a regular supply of water. It will produce more fruit, if it is grown over a frame. It is a vine and it will grow quite large, if you give it the chance. The larger the plant, the more cucumbers there will be!

The seeds can be sown in soil that has plenty of organic matter, in mid to late spring. Plant the two or three seeds in a mound.



Height: up to 3 metres if grown on a trellis

Spread: up to 3 metres if grown on a trellis

Soil: Well-drained loam or sand

pH: Acid, neutral

Sunlight: Part shade to full sun (Have a bit of shade cloth handy on those hot, hot days in February)