



CARROTS

When to Grow?

Sow: April - June

Harvest: July - October

Germination: 17 days

Where to Grow?

Prepare a sunny spot with sandy non-rich soil. Dig soil deeply in Autumn adding peat if necessary.

How to Grow?

Sow very thinly (to avoid the need for thinning) ½ inch deep in rows approx. 4 inches apart.

Firm the soil around the remaining crop and burn or bury any thinnings.

Compost

Compost contains plant nutrients and organic matter. These ingredients have beneficial effects on the following crop when applied to soil. Compost contains slow release nitrogen, phosphate and sulphur. It contains readily available potash that can provide all the crop's needs plus smaller but useful amounts of magnesium, calcium and trace elements (zinc, copper, manganese & boron).

For crops with sensitive seeds, as with manures or NPK fertilisers, it is advisable to mix the compost with the soil at least two weeks prior to sowing in case the germination of affected by any temporary raised salt content of the soil.



Top Tips

- The Carrot Fly is attracted to the smell produced from damaged carrot foliage so take extra care when thinning out and weeding.
- Carrots are hard to please. To avoid disappointment prepare the soil properly. They won't do well if the soil is not sandy enough or has been manured in the past year.
- For heavy soils short-rooted carrot varieties are best.
- A solution of water and crushed garlic, ratio 10:1 with one liquidized clove can prevent 'damping off' of young shoots caused by fungus.