

# Cucumber



## Skill Level-Hard

Double Yield: . 50-60 days. Very early pickling type. Green 6" long fruits are symmetrical, smooth, and uniform.

Early Fortune: 55-60 days. Fruits measure 8" long.

Bushy: 45-50 days. Easy growing with short vines, up to 5 ft. Produces bumper crop for fresh eating and pickling.

## How to plant:

DIRECT SEED 1" Deep

SEEDS TO HILL 6-8 Seeds

THIN To 3-4 Plants

LIGHT Full Sun

NUMBER OF PLANTS: 10-20

## Green Thumb Tip

Sow seeds outdoors in 12" diameter hills after the last frost when soil is warm. Space hills 6' apart in all directions. Can also be started indoors 2-4 weeks before the last frost. Provide support for vines to save space.

## Harvesting the seed:

Separate two different cucumber varieties by at least 1/2 mile to ensure purity. Hand pollination is required to grow more than one variety at a time in a single garden. Seeds should be saved from at least 6 cucumbers on 6 different plants. Cucumbers raised for seed should be left to ripen at least 5 weeks after eating stage until they have turned a golden color.

Undamaged fruits can be stored in cool, dry place for several weeks to finish ripening. Slice fruit lengthwise and scrape seeds out with spoon. Allow seeds and jelly-like liquid to sit in jar at room temperature for 3 or 4 days. Fungus will start to form on top. Stir daily. Jelly will dissolve and good seeds will sink to bottom while remaining debris and immature seeds can be rinsed away. Spread seeds on a paper towel or screen until dry.



The Waupaca Seed Library is a circulating collection of seeds hosted by the Waupaca Area Public Library.

The seeds are available to anyone with the intention of growing and collecting new seed to be returned to the library for other patrons.

The goal is to have borrowers collect seed to make available to the public for planting the following year to continue the cycle.