

Squash



Skill Level-Hard

Potimarron: 85-95 days. Small winter squash, inversely pear shaped, with a flavor like chestnuts. Superb table quality in a small (3-4 lb.) manageable size.

Waltham Butternut: 83-100 days. Prized for straight necks, rich dry yellow-orange flesh, nutty flavor and high-yielding vines. 3-6 pound fruits.

How to plant:

DIRECT SEED 1" deep

SEED TO HILL 6-8 seeds

GERMINATION 4-10 Days

THIN TO 3-4 plants

LIGHT Full Sun

NUMBER OF PLANTS: 10-20

Green Thumb Tip

Sow seeds outdoors in 12" diameter hills after danger of frost has passed. Hills should be spaced 6' apart in all directions. Can also be started indoors 3 weeks before transplanting outdoors.

Harvesting the seed:

There are many species of cucurbits:

Cucurbita pepo is the most common and includes: zucchini, yellow squash, acorn squash, Halloween pumpkins and small decorative gourds.

Cucurbita maxima includes 'Buttercup,' 'Kabocho' and 'Hubbard' type winter squash, as well as giant pumpkins.

Cucurbita moschata includes butternut squash, cheese pumpkins, and most tropical pumpkins. Fruits are tan or green.

C. pepo, c. maxima, and c. moschata will all cross pollinate within their species, but not with each other. For example, if you want to grow two varieties from c. pepo, you must separate them 1/4 mile. But you can have a c. pepo, and c. maxima next to each other in the garden and have pure seeds.

Seeds should be taken from fruits that have gone past maturity by 3 weeks. Remove seeds, wash, and let 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.