

**Craig's Grande Jalapeno***Capsicum annuum 'Craig's Grande'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Jalapeno

Description:

A high yielding, short and stocky variety producing 3-4" long, thick walled pods; emerges green, maturing to red when its at its hottest; a well rounded selection for hot sauces, drying, pickling, stuffing or added to salsas

Edible Qualities

Craig's Grande Jalapeno is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces large green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') which are typically harvested when mature. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a hot taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Drying
- Pickling

Planting & Growing

Craig's Grande Jalapeno will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.



Craig's Grande Jalapeno fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Craig's Grande Jalapeno is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.