Sweet Purple Asparagus

Asparagus 'Sweet Purple'



Sweet Purple Asparagus fruit
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

Rich, succulent, and sweet purple spears are tender and less stringy; mild nutty flavor when cooked; fine feathery foliage for the rest of the growing season; cut back in spring; fusarium resistant, enrich soil with compost

Edible Qualities

Sweet Purple Asparagus is a perennial vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The stems are usually harvested from mid to late spring. The stems have a sweet taste and a soft texture.

The stems are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Pickling



Sweet Purple Asparagus stems
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Planting & Growing

Sweet Purple Asparagus will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.