Acorn Squash

Cucurbita pepo var. turbinata



Acorn Squash fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 10 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Winter Squash

Description:

Low maintenance and easy to grow, this selection is perfect for full sun gardens; small rounded, dark green fruit with ridges; mild nutty flavor, great for roasting, stuffing, and soups; blossoms are delicious stuffed and fried

Edible Qualities

Acorn Squash is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and are typically harvested when mature. The edible parts have a pleasant taste and a soft texture.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Acorn Squash will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. 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.

This plant is typically 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. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This species is not originally from North America..