Sweet Lighting Pumpkin

Cucurbita pepo var. pepo 'Sweet Lightning'



Sweet Lighting Pumpkin fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Decorative and delicious, this variety turns heads in any sunny garden; produces small, single serving sized orange squashes with white stripes and spots; the smooth textured, sweet and nutty flesh is ideal for roasting, baking, and stuffing

Edible Qualities

Sweet Lighting Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small orange round fruit with white stripes and orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a fleshy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Sweet Lighting Pumpkin will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.