Big Rock Pumpkin

Cucurbita maxima 'Big Rock'



Big Rock Pumpkin fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Beautiful carving pumpkins show off on vigorous vines in large gardens; large, slightly blocky, deep orange pumpkins grow upwards of 20lbs; light pale flesh, tasty and well suited for baking and pies; seeds can be roasted and salted for a delicious snack

Edible Qualities

Big Rock Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large orange round fruit with orange flesh which are usually ready for picking from late summer to mid fall. The fruits have a pleasant taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking

Planting & Growing

Big Rock Pumpkin will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. 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 selection of a native North American species.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.