Cortland Onion

Allium cepa 'Cortland'



Cortland Onion fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 4 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Long Day Onion

Description:

A well loved, long day variety that produces 4" round, uniform onions with thick copper skin and slender necks; long storage life; mild flavor, good for soups, chilis, breads and scones; tolerant to pink root and Fusarium

Edible Qualities

Cortland Onion 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 mild taste and a firm texture.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Sauces

Planting & Growing

Cortland Onion will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Cortland Onion is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.