# Early Jalapeno Hot Pepper

***Capsicum annuum 'Early Jalapeno'***



*Early Jalapeno Hot Pepper fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Jalapeno

**Description:**

A high yielding and very early maturing selection with a compact bushy habit; produces an abundance of 3-4" long dark green peppers that mature to red; medium hot, perfect for salsas, hot sauces, stuffing and grilling; great for home and market gardens

**Edible Qualities**

Early Jalapeno Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a spicy taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

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

**Planting & Growing**

Early Jalapeno Hot Pepper will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. 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 quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is 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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Early Jalapeno Hot Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.