Crystal Apple Cucumber

Cucumis sativus 'Crystal Apple'



Crystal Apple Cucumber fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A unique heirloom selection that produces high yields of small and round, pale green cucumbers resembling the look of a granny smith apple; mild flavor that is crisp and sweet, perfect for fresh eating or adding to salads; compact and perfect for kids

Edible Qualities

Crystal Apple Cucumber is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small light green oval cucumbers (which are technically 'berries') with white spines and light green flesh which can be harvested at any point. The cucumbers have a mild taste and a crisp texture.

The cucumbers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Pickling

Planting & Growing

Crystal Apple Cucumber will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. This fast-growing 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. 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. 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, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.

Crystal Apple Cucumber 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 larger 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.