Mammoth Melting Snow Pea

Pisum sativum var. macrocarpon 'Mammoth Melting Snow'



Mammoth Melting Snow Pea fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An early maturing, high yielding heirloom variety that provides a long harvesting period; produces large, sweet, tender and crunchy pods, reaching 4-5" in length; delicious fresh or cooked; large white flowers can be cut and used in floral arrangements

Edible Qualities

Mammoth Melting Snow Pea is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and can be harvested at any time in the season. The edible parts have a sweet taste and a crunchy texture.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Mammoth Melting Snow Pea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 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 capable of fixing its own nitrogen, which means that it is effectively self-fertilizing. As a result it should not require supplemental fertilizing, and if you do fertilize it, be sure to only use a low-nitrogen fertilizer to promote root growth. 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.

Mammoth Melting Snow Pea 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.