# Radish

***Raphanus sativus***



*Radish fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Spacing: 2 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

Well loved and easy to grow, radishes are the perfect cool weather crop, providing abundant and quick harvests; radish tops are edible, perfect for soups and stir frys, while the roots are perfect for salads, pickling or eating fresh

**Edible Qualities**

Radish is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and are usually harvested from early summer to mid fall. The edible parts have a zesty taste and a crisp texture.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

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

**Planting & Growing**

Radish will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 2 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. Because of its relatively short time to maturity, it lends itself to a series of successive plantings each staggered by a week or two; this will prolong the effective harvest period.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Radish 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.

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