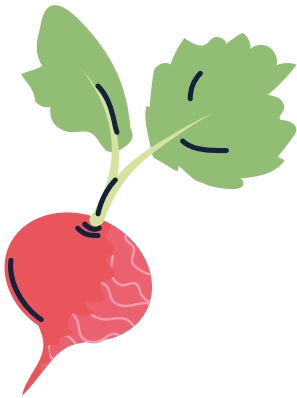




The Backyard Farming Connection Cantaloupe Growing Guide

Need to Know: Cantaloupes require steady moisture throughout their growing season. Irregular or inadequate watering can lead to issues like fruit cracking, poor fruit development, and reduced flavor.



Choose the Carrot Varieties: Pay attention to days to maturity to make sure you get a harvest in your zone.

'Hale's Best Jumbo' - Classic flavor, large sweet melons.

'Athena' - Early, sweet, smooth orange skin.

'Ambrosia' - Incredibly sweet, heavily netted rind.

Growing Requirements



6-8 Hours



36 inches



Consistent



pH 6 to 7
Loamy Soil

Planting: Plant after all chance of frost

Maintenance: easy to grow. Water consistently and keep down weeds with mulch to conserve water.

Harvest: Harvest when the fruits are easily pulled off the vine. Eat fresh or keep for a short time in the fridge.

Companion Plants: Corn, beans and squash

Avoid Planting with: potatoes and tomatoes

Special Care: soil compaction can limit root growth.