



The Backyard Farming Connection Pumpkin Growing Guide

Need to Know: Pumpkins grow on large vining plants and need a lot of space.

Choose the Best Pumpkin Varieties: Pay attention to whether you want decorative or edible pumpkins.



Jack O'Lantern:

Classic carving pumpkin for Halloween decorations.

Sugar Pie:

Sweet, small for baking. Perfect for pies and desserts.

Cinderella:

Deep orange, flattened shape. for both carving and cooking.

Growing Requirements



6-8 Hours



3-5 feet



Consistent



**pH 6 to 7
Loamy Soil**

Planting: Pumpkins are usually planted after the last frost, thriving in warm temperatures between 60°F and 70°F (15°C to 21°C).

Maintenance: Prevent waterlogging, as pumpkins dislike excessive moisture that can lead to root problems.

Harvest: Pumpkins can be harvested when fully mature, usually around 75-120 days after planting, depending on the variety.

Companion Plants: marigold and oregano

Avoid Planting with: Potatoes, beans and Cucurbits

Special Care: Some pumpkins vines can benefit from pruning.