



GUIDE TO PLANTING AND GROWING SWEET CORN




Sweet corn loves warm weather, rich soil,
and plenty of sunshine!

STEP	WHAT TO DO	DETAILS	TIPS
1 WHEN TO PLANT 	Plant after the danger of frost has passed and soil is warm.	 Soil temperature should be at least 55°F (13°C) for best germination.	 Corn is a warm season crop and needs full sun.
2 PREPARE THE SOIL 	Corn grows best in rich, loose, well-drained soil.	 Add compost or well-rotted manure. Soil pH should be 6.0–6.8 .	 Remove weeds and work soil to a depth of 8–10 inches.
3 PLANTING 	Sow seeds directly in the garden.	 Plant 1 inch deep. Space seeds 8–10 inches apart in rows 24–36 inches apart.	 Plant in blocks (4 or more rows) for best pollination. 
4 WATERING 	Keep soil consistently moist.	 Water deeply 1 inch per week, especially during tasseling and ear development.	Mulch around plants to hold moisture and suppress weeds. 
5 CARE 	Side-dress with fertilizer when plants are 6–8 inches tall.	 Use nitrogen-rich fertilizer to promote strong, healthy growth.	Watch for pests like corn earworm and control early. 
6 HARVEST 	Harvest when ears are full, kernels are plump and milky.	 Usually 18–24 days after tassels appear.	Pick in the morning for the sweetest flavor. 



EXTRA TIP: Eat sweet corn as soon as possible after harvest for the best sweetness and flavor!

