

Squash Growing Guide

Summer Squash and Winter Squash

	Summer Squash	Winter Squash
Examples	Zucchini, yellow crookneck, pattypan	Acorn, butternut, spaghetti, hubbard, pumpkins
Plant	After last frost, soil 60°F or warmer	After last frost, soil 60°F or warmer
Seeds	1 inch deep, 3 to 4 per hill; thin to the best 2	1 inch deep, 3 to 4 per hill; thin to the best 2
Spacing	Bushes 2 to 3 feet apart	Vines 3 to 6 feet apart, rows 4 to 6 feet apart
Water	About 1 inch a week, at the base, in the morning	About 1 inch a week, at the base, in the morning
Days to harvest	45 to 60 days from seed	80 to 110 days from seed
Pick when	Young and tender: zucchini 6 to 8 inches, pattypans 3 to 4 inches across	Rind too hard to dent with your thumbnail; stem drying
Storage	About a week in the refrigerator	Cure 10 days (not acorn), then store at 50 to 55°F for months
Plants per person	1 to 2	2 to 4 for winter storage

Protect the bees. Squash need bees to make fruit, so spray only in the evening.