

Watering, Feeding, and Harvesting Peppers

Steady care for a big harvest

WATERING

- Steady moisture: never soggy, never bone dry.
- In the ground: water every 2 or 3 days in hot weather.
- In pots: every day, sometimes twice a day in a heat wave.
- Water at the base of the plant, not over the leaves.

FEEDING IN TWO STAGES



Stage 1, planting to first flowers: a balanced vegetable fertilizer.

Stage 2, after the first flowers: a fertilizer higher in potassium, like a tomato fertilizer.

HARVESTING



Green: crisp

Ripe: sweeter, richer, more vitamins.

- Ripe color comes 3 to 4 weeks after the first green peppers.
- Pick some green to keep the plant producing, and leave a few to ripen.
- Cut, don't pull. Cut the stem about an inch above the pepper.