East Bay Nursery

Buttercup WInter Squash

Cucurbita maxima 'Buttercup'



Buttercup WInter Squash fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Winter Squash

Description:

A vigorous variety that produces unique looking and delicious squash; thick walled, dark green fruit feature gray variegation and sweet golden orange flesh that is thick and dry; a wonderful storage selection; excellent roasted or baked; average 5-7lbs

Edible Qualities

Buttercup WInter Squash is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green round fruit with gray variegation and orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking

Planting & Growing

Buttercup WInter Squash will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selection of a native North American species.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.