

Hot Pepper

Cultural Details: ZZ562

Growing Hot Peppers is very similar to growing Sweet Peppers and Tomatoes. For best results it is advised to grow the crop indoors with heat. This means that crops can be grown all year round with the correct temperatures.

Sowing & Growing

Sow the seed into compost either into a seed tray or into modules with a temperature between 20-24°C and cover with a light layer of compost. Germination typically takes 14-21 days. Cover the compost with clear plastic film which helps raise the temperature aiding germination.

Once seedlings emerge they do not require quite as much heat, temperatures can be reduced to 18°C by day and no lower than 16°C at night.

It is best to re-pot in stages before their final pot size. Once in final pot size plants may need staking for support. Water regularly but be careful not to over water, surface of compost can be allowed to dry out slightly between watering

Harvesting

Hot peppers can be harvested from green or once ripened into yellow, orange or red. A Hot Pepper's heat usually intensifies with maturity. Once ripe fruits can remain on plant in good condition until temperatures begin to drop.

Common Problems

Peppers are attacked by several pest and diseases the main ones are listed below:

- Red Spider Mite
- Whitefly
- Botrytis
- Blossom End Rot
- Aphid