

RED ONIONS AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT

- Can be grown from spring through winter depending on location
- Grown from seeds or sets
- Have a sweet, mild flavor often used in cooking or raw
- Red skins and white flesh; skins can be used as natural dye
- Can be harvested at different stages of growth (scallions, spring onions, bulbs, etc)



STATS

- Onions are biennials (take two years to grow to full bulb)
- 3 main types: long-season, short-season, & day-neutral onions
- Roots don't grow real deep
- Space sets 4-6" apart on all sides
- Space seeds few inches apart

REQUIREMENTS

- Plant in full sun
- Loose soil rich in organic matter and well draining
- Soil pH of 6.0-6.8

PLANTING SEEDS

- Seeds can be started indoors or directly sown depending on location and weather
- Start indoors 8-10 weeks before last frost
- Make small hole or trench only 1/4" deep
- Plant seeds and cover with soil
- Lightly water and keep damp, not saturated
- Seeds germinate in 6-12 days
- Thin to one plant every 1-2" once they are few inches tall

PLANTING SETS

- Plant sets when soil temps are 55-60°F
- Dig hole or trench deep enough to bury roots; Keep pointy end up
- Cover with soil and water well

MAINTENANCE

- Water 1-2 times a week in morning when top few inches soil dry
- Mulch to reduce competing weeds
- Stop watering when 1/4 of plant has turned yellow
- Harvest when tops are dry and have fallen over
- Shake off excess soil but do not wash plants
- Bulbs need to cure before storing
- Can last several months when stored properly in dry location of 35-40°F



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