



Cucumbers

Cucumbers need a friable, loose, well drained soil, full of organic matter such as compost. Plant in a mound around 40cm across; this acts to improve drainage. A layer of mulch helps to keep the roots cool, stop the soil drying out, and prevents the fruit coming into contact with the ground, preventing fungal disease.

Cucumbers require a reasonably high level of feeding.

If hand watering, try to do this first thing in the morning and aim the water mainly at the root zone, avoiding the foliage.

When harvesting, cut the cucumbers off with a sharp pair of scissors or secateurs, making sure you leave a bit of stem attached to the fruit.

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