



Pumpkin - Butternut

Butternut pumpkins have a bell shape and orange flesh that is sweeter and nuttier than other pumpkins. The vine spreads across the ground or climbs up a trellis and has large, flat green leaves which help give them more shade.

Plant the pumpkin in a mound of soil and compost that gets at least 6 hours of sun each day.

Keep the soil damp and if the soil is well composted they will not need much fertiliser.

The pumpkins take several months to mature and will be ready to harvest when the stalk near the pumpkin withers and almost breaks. Tap on the pumpkin to see if it sounds hollow. Cut the stalk, leaving 5cm attached to the pumpkin, and this will prevent it rotting.

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