



Pumpkin - JAP

JAP pumpkins are best grown in full sun, in a well drained soil enriched with plenty of organic matter. Young seedlings will need protection from pests, pets and weather until they are established.

Water when the soil is dry about 5cm below the surface. Water deeply in the early morning or late afternoon. To prevent fungal diseases, avoid watering the leaves of plants.

Pumpkins should be ready to harvest in approximately 140-175 days. Fruit is ready to harvest when the stems become tough and woody or when the leaves on the plant are dry and brown. Harvest by cutting them from the vine, leaving 5-10cm of stem attached to the fruit. Cure fruit for a week to harden the skin by placing in a single layer in an airy location away from light.

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