



Turnip

Turnips need a well drained, loamy soil. Compost and well rotted manure should be dug in when preparing the soil. Don't plant where their brassica relatives (cabbages, cauliflower, broccoli) grew last year.

After seedlings emerge, thin to 15cm apart and water growing plants regularly. Liquid fertilise with compost tea every couple of weeks. Turnips grow quite happily near the onion and pea families. Turnips can be harvested a month to three months after planting.

The entire plant is edible and the leaves can be eaten when young, raw or cooked, similar to spinach. Cook the turnip root in stews, soups, baked or mashed.

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