



# Seed Library

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## Growing Instructions

### Carrots – Naval

#### CULTURE:

Carrots require well-drained soils, with a pH range of 6.0-6.8. Deep, loose, and fertile sandy loams and peat soils with good moisture-holding capacity grow the straightest and smoothest roots.

#### PLANTING:

Sow 3/4–1” apart, 1/4– 1/2” deep, in a 2”-wide band, or single rows 16–24” apart. For minimum soil compaction, use raised beds with 2 or 3 rows 16–24” apart, beds 5–6’ on center. Sprinkle the soil surface to keep moist. Do not allow soil to crust before the emergence of seedlings, which takes 1–3 weeks, depending on temperature and moisture. If necessary, thin young seedlings to 3/4–2” apart, depending on root size desired. Keep weed-free by tine weeding and shallow hoeing. To prevent greening, cover exposed crowns.

#### HARVEST AND STORAGE:

Carrots may be dug any time after they reach the desired size. Generally, the best harvest period lasts about 3 weeks, after which time the roots may crack or the taste and appearance may decline. Make a few sowings at 3-week intervals for a continuous supply of tender carrots at their prime.

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