



# Seed Library

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## Growing Instructions

### Spinach – Space

#### **CULTURE:**

Spinach grows in a wide range of soils if moist and fertile but is sensitive to acidity; pH should be at least 6.0, preferably 6.5–7.5. Spinach germinates best in cool soil.

#### **DIRECT SEEDING:**

For baby leaf: Sow 3–5 seeds/inch in rows at least 2” apart.

For bunching and full size: Sow 10 seeds/ft., 1/2” deep in rows 12–18” apart.

#### **HARVEST:**

For baby leaf: Harvest when leaves reach desired size in 3–5 weeks, depending on time of year and speed of growth, making sure to cut above the basal plate for cut-and-come-again harvests. A second cut is possible by choosing appropriate varieties in all the seasonal slots. Triple-rinse leaves, sort out cut and broken leaves, and package. For full size: Harvest the long stems just above the basal plate, or, by cutting just below the basal plate for whole-plant harvest. When growing winter spinach, harvest largest leaves and allow the smaller ones to size-up for later harvests. Full-size spinach can be sold as loose leaves or bunched.

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