

Zucchini

Cucurbita pepo

QUICK FACTS

LIFECYCLE

Annual (or tender perennial)

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

3–4 ft

AT A GLANCE

Zucchini are easy to grow and almost impossible to kill before mid-summer. The two real problems are squash vine borers (preventable with floating row cover timing) and powdery mildew (inevitable -- manage it rather than defeat it). Harvest at 6–8 inches or you will be eating giant zucchini bread for a month.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/vegetables/zucchini-plant-care/>

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