

Cosmic Purple CARROTS *Daucus carota*

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Carrots need well-drained soil free of rocks, loosened 8–10 in. deep (12 in. for long types.) For clay soils, add organic matter, loosen the soil well, and choose blocky types.

Culture: Direct sow, covering with very fine soil, beginning 4 weeks before last frost. Sow successions every 2 weeks until hot weather. Direct sow again August through 4 weeks before first frost. Carrots germinate slowly; sow a radish every 6 in. to mark the row and prevent crusting. Sow extra seed and thin after emergence. Provide even moisture, weed shallowly and apply mulch.

Harvest: Carrots are ready 65–75 days after sowing, earlier if you like younger roots. Store somewhere cool, moist, and well ventilated.

Seed Savers: For home planting, isolate by at least 330 ft. from Queen Anne's Lace and other carrots. Biennial: flowers the following spring.

