

Danvers 126

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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 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. Carrots maturing in cool weather have the sweetest roots.

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

Soil
Temp.
45–85°F

Sowing
Depth
¼"

Final Plant
Spacing
2–3"

Final Row
Spacing
12–16"

Light
Full Sun

Days to
Emerge
7–21

