

Sorrento

BROCCOLI RAAB *Brassica rapa*

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More strongly flavored than broccoli and quicker to mature, this is an ideal crop for a short cool season. Highly valued in Italian cuisine.

Culture: Sow indoors in pots or flats late winter through early spring. For fall crops, sow in late summer, 6–8 weeks before the first hard freeze, indoors or outside under row cover. Harden off and transplant to the garden when the plants have 3–4 true leaves, approx. 5–6 weeks after sowing. Apply deep mulch. Provide fertile, well-drained soil and even moisture.

Harvest: When the buds start to open, snip them off along with the 3–4 leaves just below.

Seed Savers: To save seeds for home planting, isolate from the same species by at least 1/8 mile. *Brassica rapa* crosses with Chinese cabbage, broccoli raab, turnips, some mustard greens, and some rapeseed (canola).

Soil
Temp.
65–85°F

Sowing
Depth
1/4"

Final Plant
Spacing
4–6"

Final Row
Spacing
18–24"

Light
Full Sun

Days to
Emerge
4–10

