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Growing Broccoli

This cool seasoned crop grows best when daytime temperatures are in the 60's. Grow in both spring and fall, but avoid mid-summer crops as hot weather can cause premature bolting. Romanesco types are especially handsome choices for edible landscaping.



When & How to Plant: Sow seeds indoors 6 to 8 weeks before average last spring frost. Keep soil warm (about 75 degrees), until germination. Then keep plants around 60 degrees. Provide direct sun so plants don't get leggy. When plants are 4 to 6 weeks old, transplant into garden 12 to 20 inches apart.

Use wide spacings if you want to harvest large central heads. Closer spacings will produce smaller central heads. But if you harvest secondary heads you will get a greater total yield from the closer spacings. Some cultivars will form small "button" heads when the weather turns warm following a 10 day stretch when high temperatures only reach the 40's. Can be direct seeded as soon as you can work the soil. Will germinate at soil temps as low as 40 degrees. Plant 1/2 to 3/4 inch deep, about 3 inches apart. Thin to final spacings. Direct seed in midsummer for fall crop, or start transplants in late May and transplant in late June or early July.

Maintenance & Care: Plants have shallow roots systems. Avoid even shallow cultivation. Mulch to protect roots, reduce weed competition and conserve moisture. To help reduce disease, do not plant broccoli or other cole crops in the same location more than once every three or four years.

Preferred Sunlight: Full Sun.



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Preferred Soil Conditions: Prefers well-drained, fertile soil high in organic matter. Can tolerate slightly alkaline soil. Needs plentiful, consistent moisture.

Some varieties recommended for New York Include:

Baccus
Calabrese
Goliath
Liberty
Marathon
Packman
Premium Crop

Source:

**Cornell University, Home Gardening, Vegetable Growing Guides.
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