

GROW YOUR OWN ONIONS

General Information

- Scientific Name: Allium cepa
 - Family: Alliaceae, Amaryllidaceae
- Cool season
- Planting Window: mid-March to mid-April
- pH = 5.5-7.0
- Planting Depth:
 - Seeds: 1/2 inch, direct sow in soil
 - Sets: lay in hole, roots down, cover with soil half way up the bulb
- MPD: 3 inches (in both directions)
- Can be companion planted with cabbage family members, beets, tomatoes and lettuce
- Tip: onions like rich, composted soil!

Pests & Diseases

- Onion maggot - use floating row covers to prevent flies from infesting plants

Successful Cultivars & Harvest

- Cultivars:
 - Seeds: White Lisbon Bunching (60 days)
 - Sets: available sets Stuttgarter
- To harvest, pull from ground when tops are brown
- Harvest green onions mid-May through late June; harvest large onions late July through late August
- If storing onions, allow tops to wilt, cut off 1-2 inches above bulb and dry for one week

