## GROW YOUR OWN ONIONS

## **General Information**

- Scientific Name: <u>Allium cepa</u>
  - 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





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