



## PLANT FINDER



### Big Max Pumpkin

*Cucurbita maxima 'Big Max'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 9 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### Description:

Fun to grow extra large, carving pumpkins show off on vigorous vines in large gardens; large orange pumpkins grow upwards of 100lbs; fine grained bright yellow-orange flesh, tasty and well suited for baking and pies; seeds can be roasted and salted

#### Edible Qualities

Big Max Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces large orange round fruit with yellow flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a pleasant taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves
- Canning

#### Planting & Growing

Big Max Pumpkin will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 9 feet. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selection of a native North American species, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.



*Big Max Pumpkin fruit*  
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