

Castle Dome Broccoli



Brassica oleracea 'Castle Dome' (38 days to maturity from transplanting)

- **Use:** Castle Dome broccoli is a good choice for gardeners because it can adapt to both hot and cold growing conditions. Improvement of the customer favorite Packman! Compact 22" open plant produces mid-green uniform heads that are deep and domed with tight, small fine beads. Early maturing with excellent holding ability. Good heat tolerance as well as cold vigor. Crown cut packs, bunching, florets.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun. Prefers moist, but not wet soils.
- **Growth:** A compact variety, less than 2 feet tall Space plants 12-14 inches apart in the row, and space rows three feet apart. The heads average 8" across. Packman isn't playing around -- you'll get enormous yields of giant 8-inch heads from these vigorous plants, plus plenty of smaller heads from robust side-shoot production!
- **Hardiness:** A cool-weather crop, it can be grown in spring and fall everywhere, and even in winter in mild-weather areas. We recommend using a frost cloth to protect from hard freezes. INSECT PESTS: Repel insects on young seedlings by covering with floating row covers from day of planting. Cultivate soil 2-4 weeks before planting to work in cover crops and destroy weeds.
- **Foliage:** Not typically eaten.
- **Flower:** This domed variety offers uniform, mid-green, heavy, deep heads with small, tight beads. It holds well in the field if your harvest is delayed. Tolerant of both unseasonable heat and cold, it is a season extender you will love! And because it's tolerant of both hollow stem and brown bead, your harvests will be bigger and healthier than ever before. You can use Castle Dome for florets, crown cuts, and bunching. It sets numerous side-shoots after the main head is harvested, and thrives even in challenging environmental conditions. This fine new variety is poised to become the new gold standard in broccoli.



Broccoli Tip
Harvest when the buds of the head are firm and tight, cutting 5 to 10 inches down on the stalk. This will pro-

mote the growth of side shoots which will provide an abundance of smaller heads over a long period.

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