

# Emerald Crown Broccoli



*Brassica oleracea* 'Emerald Crown' (38 days to maturity from transplanting)

- **Use:** Voted best fall variety for the East. Large, well-domed heads with a fine bead. Best for crown cut. Resists purpling in cold weather, which makes Emerald Crown an excellent choice for fall crops. A flavorful source of Vitamins A and C.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun. Prefers moist, but not wet soils.
- **Growth:** Space plants 20-30 inches apart in the row, and space rows three feet apart. Plants will grow about 24-30" tall and 24" wide.
- **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 flea beetles and root maggots on young seedlings by covering with floating row covers from day of planting. Treat flea beetles with insecticides such as pyrethrin if heavy pressure is observed. For cabbage worms and loopers, use *Bacillus thuringiensis*. Cutworm prevention: Cultivate soil 2-4 weeks before planting to work in cover crops and destroy weeds.
- **Foliage:** Not typically eaten.
- **Flower:** A medium-maturing broccoli that produces uniform heads that make good weight. Small framed plants produce blue green heads with a small bead size and a domed shape. The heads are firm and highly resistant to purpling during cool growing periods. Emerald Crown produces high quality crown cuts and is best used for late summer plantings and fall harvest.

## Broccoli Tip

**Harvest when the buds of the head are firm and tight, cutting 5 to 10 inches down on the stalk. This will promote the growth of side shoots which will provide an abundance of smaller heads over a long period.**

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