

Imperial Broccoli



Brassica oleracea v. italica 'Imperial' (60 days from transplant)

- **Use:** Excellent heat tolerance. Heads are dark green with small, attractive beads. Best suited for harvest in summer and early fall in areas with long days and moderate heat. A cool-weather crop, it can be grown in spring and fall everywhere, and even in winter in mild-weather areas.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun. Prefers moist, but not wet soils.
- **Growth:** Grows 12-18" tall. Space plants 12-14 inches apart in the row, and space rows three feet apart.
- **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.
- **Foliage:** Not typically eaten.
- **Flower:** Domed heads are dark green with small beads and have an excellent post-harvest shelf life. Handles heat stress well. Best for crown cut.



**Harvest:
Pick
when
heads
are tight
before**

**flower buds start to
open. For varieties that
produce side shoots
keep picked for a longer
production**