

Waltham Broccoli



Brassica oleracea 'Waltham' (50-60 days to maturity from transplant)

- **Use:** HEIRLOOM. A variety prized for its lovely dark blue-green heads and marvelous flavor. The florets, leaves, and stems are packed with vitamin C and provide calcium, potassium, and iron. The 4"-6", blue-green heads are delicious raw or cooked.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun. Prefers moist, but not wet soils.
- **Growth:** 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.
- **Foliage:** Not typically eaten.
- **Flower:** With large heads and long stalks, this lovely and adaptable broccoli can be planted spring and fall. The 4-6" dark blue-green heads, arrayed with side shoots, make for marvelous fresh eating or can be frozen.

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.