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La Bomba Hot Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'La Bomba'



La Bomba Hot Pepper fruit
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Height: 22 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Jalapeno

Description:

A strong, upright and disease resistant jalapeno variety, producing large, deep green fruit, maturing to bright red; ideal for patio containers and gardens; medium hot pepper, great for hot sauces, stuffing, roasted or adding that extra kick to any dish

Edible Qualities

La Bomba Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces small dark green oblong peppers (which are technically 'berries') which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a hot taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Pickling

Planting & Growing

La Bomba Hot Pepper will grow to be about 22 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. 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 quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

La Bomba Hot Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.