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**Buttercup Winter Squash**  
*Cucurbita maxima 'Buttercup'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Winter Squash

**Description:**

A vigorous variety that produces unique looking and delicious squash; thick walled, dark green fruit feature gray variegation and sweet golden orange flesh that is thick and dry; a wonderful storage selection; excellent roasted or baked; average 5-7lbs

**Edible Qualities**

Buttercup Winter Squash is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green round fruit with gray variegation and orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking

**Planting & Growing**

Buttercup Winter Squash will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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.



*Buttercup Winter Squash fruit*  
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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This plant is typically grown 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selection of a native North American species.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

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