



## Plant Information

Common Name: Pumpkin  
Scientific Name: Cucurbita pepo  
Plant Type: Annuals

## Physical Characteristics

Height/Spread: 0.5-1 meters in height, 2-3 meters in spread  
Growth Rate: Fast  
Flower Color(s): Yellow  
Foliage Color(s): Green  
Bloom Time: Summer

## Plant Description

Pumpkins are a classic symbol of Canadian fall festivities, from Thanksgiving decorations to Halloween jack-o'-lanterns. These fast-growing annuals produce vibrant yellow flowers that eventually develop into the iconic orange fruits. With their low maintenance requirements and drought tolerance, pumpkins are a popular choice for home gardens and landscaping. Their sprawling vines can cover large areas, making them ideal for creating a rustic autumn atmosphere. Plant pumpkins alongside corn, beans, and marigolds to encourage healthy growth and deter pests. Whether you're carving pumpkins for Halloween or baking delicious pies, these versatile plants bring vibrant color and festive charm to any outdoor space.

## Optimal Growing Requirements



Sun: Full Sun



Soil: Well-draining, fertile soil



Water: Moderate Watering



Hardiness Zone(s): Zone 3-5

## Maintenance & Care

Maintenance Level: Low  
Potential Pests & Diseases: Common pests include aphids and squash bugs, while diseases like powdery mildew and bacterial wilt can affect pumpkins.

## Additional Information

Special Features: Pumpkins are drought-tolerant and attract pollinators like bees.  
Common Uses: Pumpkins are commonly used as decorative fall plants and for making pumpkin pies.

## Notes

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