Fire Away™ Hot and Heavy Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Fire Away Hot and Heavy'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Horn

Description:

This compact variety, produces beautiful green peppers that mature into bright red; heat tolerant and producing right to frost; great for containers and gardens; medium hot, perfect for salsas or any dish needing a little heat

Edible Qualities

Fire Away Hot and Heavy Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces small light green oblong peppers (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a spicy taste and a crisp texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

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



Fire Away Hot and Heavy Pepper fruit
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Planting & Growing

Fire Away Hot and Heavy Pepper will grow to be about 24 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.

Fire Away Hot and Heavy 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.