

# Parsley

Dark Green Italian parsley seeds are easy to grow, sturdy plants with stiff upright stems. Holds flavour better than the curly kind when dried. Use parsley in companion planting. Parsley likes asparagus, carrots, chives, corn, onions, and tomatoes. Let some of your parsley go to bloom to attract hover-flies and predatory wasps. Parsley is a biennial plant that forms a long (edible) tap root. Choose deep pots for container growing.

**Matures in 80 days**

**Season:** Cool season

**Exposure:** Full sun to partial shade

**Difficulty:** Easy



## Growing

If starting indoors, sow seeds 1cm ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " ) deep in sterilized seed starting mix, in peat pots or plug trays. Sow outdoors in drills 3cm ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ " ) deep, spaced 8cm (3" ) apart. Thin final plants to 15cm (6" ) apart. For summer crops, aim to grow plants in a place where they will receive some shade during the day – either on the east or west side of a structure or fence works well. For winter crops, start new seeds in late summer and transplant them out to a warm, sunny location by September. Avoid planting near mint.

## Saving

Allow the herbs to flower and the flower heads to dry. Snip the flower heads off and dry them out in a warm, dry place. To collect the seeds, shake the dry flower head into a paper bag or bucket. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!