

# Swiss Chard

Hot pink to magenta stems and veins with dark jade coloured foliage, Magenta Sunset is a beauty among the chards. Magenta Sunset Swiss chard seeds are grown primarily for immature salad greens as it tends to bolt during summer heat. Kept in check, it will produce abundant nutritious leaves with a mild earthy flavour.

**Matures in 25-30 days**

**Season: Cool season**

**Exposure: Full sun**

**Difficulty: Easy**



## Growing

Direct sow any time from early spring to mid-summer. Swiss chard is moderately winter hardy and may perform into the following spring where winters are mild.

Sow seeds 1cm (½") deep, spaced 10-30cm (4-12") apart in rows 45cm (18") apart.

Plenty of consistent moisture is required, especially as plants grow larger. It grows best in full sun but will tolerate light shade in summer. A liquid fertilizer or compost applied twice during summer will keep swiss chard growing well.

## Saving

This crop is a biennial, meaning that it will not set seed until the second year of growth.

In the second year, swiss chard should be thinned or replanted to about two feet apart. In the summer, when plants are completely dry, brown mature seeds are easily stripped by hand from the branches. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!