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Mielhart Watermelon *Citrullus lanatus 'Mielhart'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Small and delicious, this lovely variety thrives in warm weather but tolerates cooler conditions; producing 6lb. oval-round seedless, light green fruit with dark green stripes; hard rind gives way to red, crisp and juicy flesh; a delicious summer snack

Edible Qualities

Mielhart Watermelon is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces light green round fruit with dark green stripes and red flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Preserves
- Juice-Making

Planting & Growing

Mielhart Watermelon will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. 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 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 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



*Mielhart Watermelon fruit and flesh
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*