Growing Vegetables in North Vancouver

part 3: Cucumbers

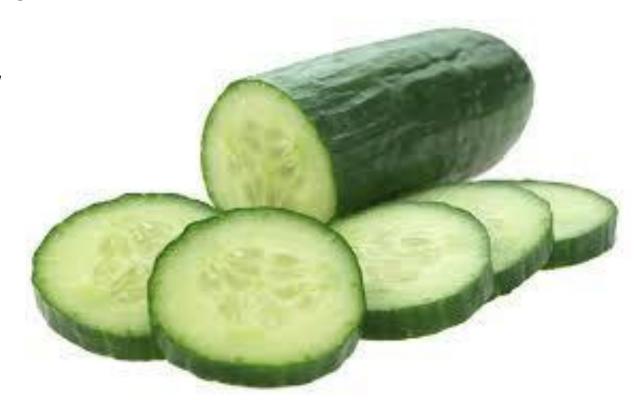
2020 LVGC VEGGIEMATES

Cucumbers

- West Coast Seeds Catalogue 22 varieties
- All quick maturing from transplant

• 45 – 70 days

All easy to grow



Cucumber types

- Mostly vines -- even Patio Snacker that only grows 36" needs support for the full sized fruits (tomato hoop?) or can be planted in hanging pot
 - English cukes thin skinned, long
 - Beit Alpha stubby, thick skinned
 - Pickling
- Parthenocarpic all female flowers -- does not need pollinators – has few or no seeds
- Burpless easier to digest

Female flower



Beit Alpha type Long English type



Cucumber requirements

Quick grower

Needs lots of sun, water and fertilizer

Consistent watering is important

letting cukes dry out can lead to bitter fruit

Needs trellising – some can grow to 8'

- avoids pests and allows cukes to grow straight
- vines are strong, so cukes don't need individual support

Various vertical supports



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Cucumbers are prolific

- Need only 1 2 plants side shoots occur
- If picked and supported, they keep producing until frost
- Ripe when bright green and the mature size in the WC Seeds Catalogue
- When they turn yellow, they are growing their seeds and aren't as good