

Growing Vegetables in North Vancouver

Part 8: Peppers

2020 LVGC VEGGIEMATES

Peppers

West Coast Seeds Catalogue

16 varieties of sweet peppers

18 varieties of hot peppers

maturing from transplant: 68 – 100 days

All easy to grow



Sweet Bell Peppers

- Bush-type plants (but often need support and large ones may need support for *each* pepper)
- Really benefit from a warm location and protection from wind/rain
- Green when immature but all ripen to another colour (red, yellow, orange, purple)
- As they ripen, more sweetness and vitamin C

Sweet Bell Peppers



Hot peppers (varying amounts of capsicums = the hot stuff)

- **Witch stick**
extra long
corkscrew, sweet
with spicy pith



- **Jalapeños**
medium hot



- **Ghost Chili**
off the scale!



Hungarian Hot Wax



Ancho



Cayenne 'Andy'



Jalapeno



Anaheim



Cajun Be



Padron



Habanero



Mature Hungarian Hot Wax

Serrano



Super Chili



Growing Peppers

- Need lots of sun, warmth and a long growing season
- Transplant out in June or when weather is consistently warm
- Fruit set after late August will not mature

Sweet bell peppers

- Expect 5 – 10 large bell peppers per plant
- Eat shortly after harvest
- They don't stay fresh and crunchy even in the fridge for more than a few days

Hot peppers

- Expect -- 20 – 50 hot peppers per plant
- Wear gloves when handling
- They should turn colour before harvest
- Pull the entire bush before frost and hang upside down in a warm, dry place to ripen last peppers
- Hot peppers can be dried by hanging on a string in full sun and good air circulation.

Hanging Peppers

