## **ATLANTIC GIANT**

# Large Pumkins

Pale to bright orange skin with thick cream or pale orange flesh. Enormous pumpkins can reach 4' in diameter and 200 or more pounds.



### **NOTES**

#### **VARIETY INFO**

**Botanical Name:** *Cucurbita maxima* "Atlantic Giant" **Plant Dimensions:** 15'–20' vines. 'Atlantic Giant' needs

a lot of room to grow! **Days to Maturity:** 120

**Zone: 2-5** 

### **SOWING INFO**

**Sow Outside:** RECOMMENDED. 2 to 4 weeks after your average last frost date, and when soil temperature is 70°–90°F.

**Start Inside:** Not recommended except in very short growing seasons, 2 to 4 weeks before your average last frost date. Sow in biodegradable pots that can be planted directly in the ground. Transplant after your average last frost date, when weather is warm and settled.

Days to Emerge: 7–14 days

Seed Depth: 1"

Seed Spacing: 2 seeds per mound

Row Spacing: 10'-20'

Thinning: When several leaves, thin to 1 per mound

#### **GROWING INFO**

Harvesting: Harvest pumpkins before the first fall frost, and when foliage has begun to dry out. Cut stem with a knife, leaving 3"–4" of stem on the pumpkin. Do not hold the pumpkin by the stem; if stem attachment gets broken, or any part of the pumpkin bruises, the pumpkin may rot. Brush off any dirt or leaves. Ideally, cure at 80°-85°F and 80–85% humidity or a warm, sunny spot with good air circulation for 1 to 2 weeks before eating or storage. Do not allow harvested fruit to get wet.