



Edible Ginger *Zingiber officinale*

This is a great selection of edible yellow ginger root that produces rhizomes quickly. These rhizomes can be dug as soon 4-6 months in ground or from a container. Store bought ginger root is mature, fibrous, & extra spicy. "Baby Ginger", which is harvested juvenile, is becoming more and more popular in the culinary arts. It is more mild, tender & does not need to be peeled. The shelf life is about 1-2 weeks at room temperature. This makes it an ideal plant to have in the home garden, where it can be harvested fresh as needed

- Harvest "Baby Ginger"!
- Harvest in 4-6 months!
- Great container edible
- Well suited for in ground production

Ginger needs a lot of moisture while actively growing. The soil should never dry out. Don't over-water, though, because the water that drains away will take nutrients with it.

Ginger loves humidity. If you have problems with dry air then regular spraying and misting might help. Dry air can cause problems with spider mites. But that's rather a problem for people who try to grow ginger out of its range and indoors. A sheltered, moist spot in a warm climate will provide enough humidity.

If you are growing ginger in the ground **mulch it** thickly.

It helps to keep the ground moist, it helps feed the ginger as the mulch breaks down, and it also keeps down weeds (Ginger is a slow growing plant and easily overgrown by others).

Towards the end of summer, as the weather starts cooling down, your ginger will start to die back. Reduce the water, even let the ground dry out. This encourages the ginger to form rhizomes. Once all the leaves have died down your ginger is ready for harvest.

How much and which plant food?

If you are growing ginger in good, rich soil it shouldn't need anything extra. If you don't have good soil, or if you are growing ginger in some standard bought potting mix, then you have to **feed it regularly**. You will also have to feed it if you are growing ginger in an area that gets torrential summer rains (many tropical regions do). Such rains leach all the goodness from the soil.

Work in some organic slow release fertilizer at planting time. After that you can use some liquid fertilizer like seaweed extract or fish fertilizer every few weeks.

Bloom Color	Red, Orange
Foliage	Dark Green
Height	2-4 ft
Shade/Sun	Partial Sun to Partial Shade
Soil Composition	Loamy
Soil Moisture	Average Moistness
Soil pH Level	5.5 — 6.5
Years to Bear	4-6 Months
Zone Range	8-11

