



# Radicchio:

Plant when temperatures are between 60-68°F. Choose a site that receives full sun.

## Planting

Prepare a garden bed by digging down several inches into the soil and amending with garden soil, organic compost, or both. Organic compost is recommended. Radicchio can also be grown in raised garden beds.

Sow seeds  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch deep and 8-10 inches apart. Seeds typically sprout within 1-2 weeks. Plants can be grown normally and harvested in 120-180 days. Cooler weather and frost bring out the best coloration.

## Forcing Method (For Enhanced Coloration)

For truly striking color, a technique called forcing can be used. In fall, dig up the plant, cut off the head, and trim roots to 12 inches long. Pot the root in peat moss. Cover the plant completely to block all light—any pail or bucket will work—and allow it to regrow at 50-60°F. A basement works well; alternatively, plants can be kept outdoors if temperatures are in this range, provided they remain in complete darkness. A black pail is effective for outdoor forcing.

The plant will regrow in shades ranging from light to hot pink, depending on conditions. Check plants periodically and harvest when they reach the desired size.

## Blanching Method (For Sweeter Flavor)

One to two weeks before harvest, tie up the leaves while the plant remains in the ground and cover with a pail as described above. Ensure leaves are dry before covering. This technique lightens the color and sweetens the flavor.

**Both methods can be combined or varied to experiment with different results.**



## Seed Storage Guidelines

For delayed planting, proper storage ensures seed viability. Seeds require cool, dark, and dry conditions. Retain seeds in the food-grade plastic bag provided, place the bag inside a sealed glass jar, and cover with an opaque bag or material to block light. Ideal storage locations include basements or refrigerators. Refrigeration is essential for certain species, including poppies. Under proper conditions, most seeds remain viable for 1-5 years, depending on species.

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