Ashley



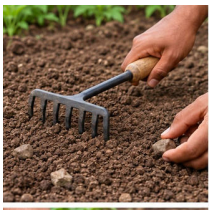
Outdoor cucumber planting guide

Direct sow or use young transplants

Warm, frost-free weather; wait until soil is at least 21 C. Full sun.

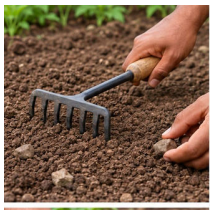
SEED DEPTH	FINAL PLANT SPACE	ROWS / DENSITY
2 cm	40 cm	160-200 cm

1. Prepare a sunny bed



Choose fertile, well-drained soil. Install a strong trellis if growing vertically.

2. Sow into warm soil



Sow 2 cm deep in moist soil. Thin to about 40 cm between plants, with 160-200 cm between rows.

3. Plant out carefully



If using seedlings, move young plants with the root ball intact. Guide growing vines gently onto their support.

4. Water at the roots



Keep moisture steady as vines and fruit develop. Leave open flowers accessible to pollinating insects.

Harvest: Cut fruit regularly while it is tender and green, before yellowing. Avoid pulling and damaging the vine.

Growing note: Ashley is a field cucumber that needs pollination. Do not sow into cold, wet soil or disturb young roots.

Use local conditions and the current seed-lot label. Method illustrations show the practice, not exact cultivar appearance.

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The planting instructions use crop-level references checked on 18 October 2026. Depth and spacing are starting points. South African sowing windows vary with local frost, altitude, heat and rainfall; follow the current seed-lot label and supplier advice.

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