Hot Habanero



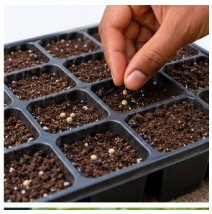
Hot chilli planting guide

Raise seedlings, then transplant

Plant out after frost risk has passed and soil has warmed to at least 18 C. Full sun; shelter from damaging wind.

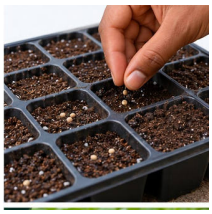
SEED DEPTH	FINAL PLANT SPACE	ROWS / DENSITY
5-10 mm	40-60 cm	90-100 cm

1. Sow in clean trays



Sow 5-10 mm deep in seedling mix. Keep warm and lightly moist.

2. Grow strong seedlings



Provide bright light after emergence. Avoid soggy trays and gradually acclimatise plants before planting out.

3. Transplant in warmth



Plant into a well-drained bed, 40-60 cm apart in rows 90-100 cm apart. Water the root ball in. Transplant at the former soil level.

4. Support and water



Add small stakes or support lines. Keep moisture even and retain leaves that shade developing fruit.

Harvest: Cut usable fruit with clean secateurs; do not pull.

Growing note: Hot Habanero needs a long warm season and can start slowly. Wear gloves when handling hot chillies. Ripe colour depends on the variety and selection.

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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