Waltham



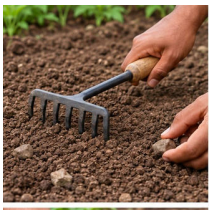
Butternut planting guide

Direct sow

Warm season after frost risk. Allow enough warm weather for fruit to mature. Full sun.

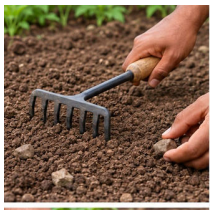
SEED DEPTH	FINAL PLANT SPACE	ROWS / DENSITY
2-3 cm	**60-85 cm as a starting guide**	**1.5-1.8 m**

1. Choose a sunny bed



Prepare well-drained soil with room for trailing vines and access between rows.

2. Sow in positions



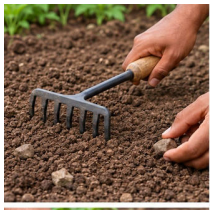
Sow 2 seeds per position, 2-3 cm deep. Thin to one strong plant once established.

3. Maintain steady moisture



Water at the roots as vines grow and fruit develops. Avoid waterlogging and repeated drying out.

4. Make room for fruit



Guide vines into the space provided and keep flowers accessible to pollinating insects.

Harvest: Harvest fully coloured, hard-skinned fruit before frost. Cut with a short stem rather than pulling it from the vine.

Growing note: Spacing affects fruit size. These are crop-level starting distances; use a variety-specific recommendation when supplied. Waltham is a full vine and performs best in warm conditions.

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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