FAMILY TREE NURSERY

## Olympia Spinach

***Spinacia oleracea 'Olympia'***



*Olympia Spinach fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 9 inches

Spread: 9 inches

Spacing: 4 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

A well loved and fast growing variety that is slow to bolt and excellent for patio containers and garden beds; tender and delicious dark green leaves are smooth and easy to clean; an excellent addition to salads or cooked into dishes

**Edible Qualities**

Olympia Spinach is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The oval dark green leaves can be harvested at any time in the season. The leaves have a mild taste and a soft texture.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Canning
- Freezing

**Planting & Growing**

Olympia Spinach will grow to be about 9 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 9 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 inches apart. This fast-growing vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

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This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Olympia Spinach is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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