

Sowing instructions Broccoli

Indoor sowing: February - April

Outdoor sowing: May - July

Sowing depth.: 1/2 cm

Germination: 7 - 10 days

Germination temp.: 10 - 20 °C

Plant spacing: 45 - 60 cm

Planting position: sunny/partially shaded

Days to harvest: 90

Indoor or outdoor sowing under glass can start in February - April in sowing soil. Cover the seeds with a thin layer of soil, because they need light to germinate. Keep the soil moist. Sow outdoors in rows 45-60 cm apart. Thin the seedlings after 3-4 weeks to 1 seedling per spot.

In May, when there is no longer danger of any night frost, outdoor sowing can start. Sow in rows 45-60 cm apart and cover the seeds very lightly because they need light to germinate. Thin the seedlings after 3-4 weeks to 1 seedling per spot. Broccoli needs extra fertilizer and good watering especially during the growth and dry spells.

Cover the seedlings with nets against birds. Remove these nets when the plants are about 30 cm tall. Protect the seedlings with a collar to prevent the cabbage fly from laying eggs, because the larvae eat the roots of the plants. The seedlings and plants also need protection against slugs and snails. Harvest the central head first and after 2-3 weeks the side-shoots. It's possible to keep broccoli fresh for a couple of days in the fridge.