



ROCKMELON

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Growing our own food in the home garden is very rewarding and fun, but nothing beats the sweet rewards of beautiful home grown Rockmelons.

Rockmelons are one of the best melons for growing at home as they are easy to grow and taste so delicious.

Two great melons that are easy to grow at home and produce deliciously sweet fruit are;

- **Rockmelon - Planters Jumbo**
- **Rockmelon - Honey dew**

SEASON TO SOW

Rockmelons are a great crop for any warm to hot time of the year, after frosts have finished.

The best seasons to sow are from September to March. In tropical areas where there are no frosts, they can be planted from February through to October as the intense summer heat can spoil the melons on the vine.

POSITION & SOIL

For juicy and sweet Rockmelons, they like a good rich soil and a sunny position. Improve the soil by digging in **Searles 5 IN 1® Plus Organic Plant Food** and sprinkle some **Searles Penetraide® Re-Wetting Granules** over the soil. Plant the seeds directly into their final position, approximately 25mm deep and water well. For multiple plants, space seeds 100-200cm apart.

WATERING

As the Rockmelon vines grow, it is essential to water regularly as this will help produce juicy melons.

FERTILISING

To produce a bumper crop, liquid feed where the seeds were planted every week with **Searles Flourish® Soluble Plant Food** or **Searles® Liquid Potash**. Both fertilisers will promote great growth, but most of all, help to develop lovely juicy and sweet melons.

The plants take approximately 10-12 weeks to fully mature with their wonderful fruit.

So remember, for juicy home grown Rockmelons:

- Improve the soil with **Searles 5 IN 1® Plus**
- Water regularly
- And feed every week with **Searles Flourish® Soluble Plant Food**.

