

Radish or Daikon “Miyashige White” Variety PLANTING GUIDE

****In Japanese, “Daikon” translates into “Big Root”**

HOW TO PLANT:

1. **Remove any weeds from the bed** (trowels & gloves in Garden Box-see map).
2. **Discuss where your two vegetables will be planted with respect to sunlight.** Tall plants can create afternoon shade. How can we plant so that both veggie types receive good sun? Divide your plot in half. Plant the tall veggies on the north side of your plot if possible.
3. **Row spacing.** Most plots will accommodate 2-3 rows of daikon. **Space rows 8” apart.** Consider where your rows will be relative to the drip irrigation lines, which should be arranged to provide even watering. To produce the straightest, whitest daikon, sow in trenches.
4. **Hole spacing.** Space holes every 5”
5. **Seed depth.** Use popsicle stick to gently make a 1/2” deep hole
6. **Seeds per hole.** Add 3 seeds per hole. Cover with soil.
7. **Mark your hole.** Place a craft stick NEXT TO each seed grouping (do not place sticks directly on top of seeds). Sticks tell us where we need to pay attention (i.e. watch for seedlings and where NOT to step).
8. **Water the beds (if desired) using watering can or hose (see garden map).** The drip irrigation system will provide water on a regular basis so it is not necessary. Show kids where the holes are in the irrigation lines.
9. **Clean and return any used trowels and gloves to the Garden Box.** Please keep gloves together in pairs as found.

MONITORING:

1. **Appearance of seedlings.** Seedlings should appear in 5-10 days.
2. **Thin seedlings** (once foliage appears) to 1 every 5”
3. **Mound soil.** As the radish grows, mound soil on top of its shoulder, keeping the shoulder covered to prevent greening.
4. **Observe your plants regularly.**
5. **Insects.** Look for insects that might munch on the leaves! Potential pest is the flea beetle, which can eat the leaves. If you see them, notify me ASAP! **Planting basil can detract the flea beetle from the daikon.

HARVEST:

- ~ 60 days (Japanese daikon) post-planting to harvest
- Teachers and Garden Liaisons should remain in contact with each other for periodic updates and eventually the HARVEST!
- Harvest at any size: Can be 6-20” long and 2-4” wide
- Harvest BEFORE hard frost (or cover).

<https://www.botanicalinterests.com/product/radish-daikon-miyashige-white-organic-heirloom-seeds/srch:miyashige>