

# parsnips.

**Sow:** You must use fresh seed every year. Sow from first week of March onwards under cloches, 1cm deep and 6in apart. Germination is very slow.

**Soil:** Grow on stone-free ground manured for previous crop. Dig in a green manure beforehand if soil is poor. Prefers sandy soil.

**Sun:** Full sun or light shade.

**Grow:** Requires very little work. Weed and ensure crop is well-watered.

**Harvest:** After the first frosts. Can be left in the ground until February.

**Problems:** Canker is the main problem: grow varieties such as 'Avonresister' and 'Gladiator'. Carrot fly may attack: cover with fleece if this pest is prevalent on your site.

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