

**Parade Organic Bunching Onions**

**Bright white shanks with no bulbing, and dark green, erect foliage. Very uniform, upright growth makes for easy harvest and cleaning.**

**Culture: Bunching onions prefer a light, fertile, well-drained soil with lots of organic matter and pH 6.2–6.8. Soil that is too acid or alkaline will cause slow growth and late maturity.**

**Space: Plant ¼-½ inch deep and 1/4 inch apart in rows 2-3 inches wide, or broadcast seeds. Once seedlings are well established, thin to an inch apart. Keep well cultivated so that plants receive maximum light.**

**During the growing period hill the plants with soil 2 or 3 times, higher each time. This forces the leaves higher up the plant resulting in extra-long blanched stalks and a much greater edible portion. Cultivation should be shallow since onion roots are near the soil surface.**

**Once established, plants can be divided easily to spread throughout your garden, or to share with friends and neighbors!** **To divide plants, just dig up a clump, carefully split the root ends into several sections, and replant.**

**Irrigation: Consistent soil moisture**

**Fertilize: Nitrogen should be abundant during the period of active leaf growth.**

**Apply first application (high nitrogen, such as blood meal) three weeks after planting. Will benefit from liquid fish emulsion or comfrey tea every 3 weeks thereafter.**

**Note: Onions and weeds do not mix. Experiments have shown yield reductions of 4% per day in the presence of weeds, or 50% reduction of yield in 2 weeks. A layer of organic mulch will help suppress weeds and will aid in maintaining moisture and nutrient levels.**

**Maturity: 65 days**

[**https://www.johnnyseeds.com/vegetables/onions/bunching-onions/parade-organic-onion-seed-3850G.html**](https://www.johnnyseeds.com/vegetables/onions/bunching-onions/parade-organic-onion-seed-3850G.html)

**Onions are compatible with tomatoes, sweet peppers, spinach, lettuce beets, parsnips. Onions also repel insect pests of strawberries.**

**Incompatible with peas and beans.**