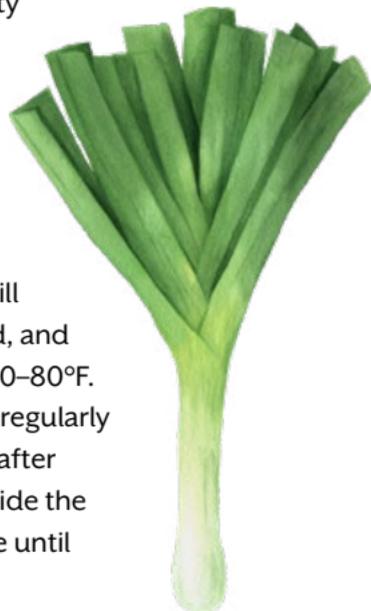


# American Flag (Broad London) Leek

This leek is a popular heirloom variety and a great fit for home gardens. Its stems average 8–10 inches in height and it is a good variety for overwintering. It has a mild, sweet flavor and is great for soups, stews, and roasting. These seeds are certified organic. This variety is particularly well-suited to the Mid-Atlantic and Southern U.S. regions.

**To use:** Start seeds indoors in shallow flats, 8–10 weeks before average last frost. Sowing depth: ½ inch. Water after planting. Seedlings emerge after 7–21 days. Pot up when large enough to handle and move. When the stems are pencil-thick, transplant outdoors into holes that are 6 inches deep, leaving 1–2 inches of growth above ground. Space plants 2–6 inches apart. For long and tender stems, hill soil around the plants as they grow. Alternately: direct sow into fertile, well-drained, and loose soil during early spring. Provide full sun and even moisture. Ideal soil temp: 60–80°F. Leeks can be harvested when they reach full size. These are heavy feeders; fertilize regularly with liquid feed or compost. Leeks are biennial plants that form flowers the spring after planting. To collect leek seeds, wait for the flower heads to brown and turn dry. Inside the dry flowers/seed pods, you should see solid black seeds. Store in a cool, dark place until ready for planting.



Seed Source: Southern Exposure Seed Exchange