

# Chili

## Thai Hot

The chili-loving Thais consume more hot peppers than any other culture. Discover the delights of 'Thai Hot' flavor in your favorite stir-fry or other Asian dish! Compact, mounding 8" tall plants covered with 1½"-3" long, upright red and green peppers at the same time is a festive and decorative choice for patio containers. 50,000-100,000 Scoville heat units (very hot).

Chilis thrive in well-drained, fertile soils with a pH of 6.5. Abundant phosphorus and calcium is needed for the best results. Tender annual. Plant out after all danger of frost is past. Space chili plants 12-18" apart in rows 24-36" apart, or 2 rows mulching, 18" between plants. Water-in transplants well. Apply a liquid bloom and boost type fertilizer (phosphorus) at transplant time. Install collar (toilet paper tubes cut into 2-3 pieces work well) around seedling at time of transplant to prevent cutworm destruction. Install cage or stakes at time of transplant. Pick the first chilis promptly when they reach full size to encourage further fruit set.