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# FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants

## F1 Jhalri Bitter Gourd Plant



### Category

 Vegetable Crop

### Family

 Asteraceae

### Common Name

-  Karela
-  Bitter Cucumber

### Vairty of colour



### Description

F1 Jhalri Bitter Gourd is a high-yielding hybrid variety that produces dark green, heavily spiny (jhalri), attractive fruits with a rich bitter taste. It is popular for its vigorous vine growth, early maturity, excellent fruit quality, and continuous harvesting.



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## Watering

💧 **Water only when the soil is dry.**

- Summer: Once every 7–10 days
- Winter: Once every 15–20 days
- Avoid overwatering

## Temperature

🌡️ **Best Temperature**

- 18°C to 28°C

**Can Tolerate**

- 10°C to 35°C

Protect from frost and freezing temperatures.

## Sunlight

☀️ **Loves bright light.**

**Ideal Light**

- 3-5 hours of morning sunlight
- Bright indirect light indoors

## Fertilizer

🌱 **Feed once every month during spring and summer.**

**Recommended Fertilizers**

- Succulent Fertilizer
- NPK 19:19:19 Liquid Fertilizer

## Soil

🌿 **Requires very well-draining succulent soil.**

**Simple Soil Mix**

- 40% River Sand or Perlite
- 40% Garden Soil
- 20% Cocopeat or Compost

## Sowing Information

**North India**

- ✓ January–March
- ✓ June–July

**Maharashtra & Central India**

- ✓ June–August
- ✓ October–December



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## Humidity

 Prefers low humidity.

Ideal Humidity

• 30%–50%

## Reproduction

- 1 Sow fresh seeds.
- 2 Keep soil moist.
- 3 Transplant if necessary.

## Benefits

 Easy to propagate through leaves, offsets, and seeds.

Leaf Propagation

1. Gently remove a healthy leaf.
2. Allow it to dry for 1–2 days.

## Difficulty Level: Easy

-  Homes with sunny balconies
-  Outdoor gardens
-  Large decorative pots
-  Succulent collections
-  Commercial landscapes

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