

# GROWER'S FACTS

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## R HUBARD

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**CULTURAL PRACTICES:** Rhubarb is sown in April-May or August-September, in pots or terrine filled with good potting soil improved with well-rotted compost, in a shady place. Emergence generally takes 10-30 days, keep the substrate moist but not soggy during this time. When your plants reach the 4-5 leaves stage, transplant to the garden. They need winter protection the first year.

**SOIL:** Rhubarb requires a rich or previously enriched soil (3 to 4 kg of compost per m<sup>2</sup>).

**SPACING:** Transplant it in partial shade, making sure to leave sufficient space for its development, ie from 1 m to 1.5 m<sup>2</sup>.

**GROWING TIPS:** Rhubarb is generous but it is greedy, an annual contribution of compost is strongly recommended.

**HARVEST:** Do not be in too much of a hurry, the first harvest should not take place before 2 years after sowing; otherwise the plant will be exhausted. The petioles are harvested in May-June; a second harvest arrives in September-October. The rhubarb petioles can be kept for a few days in the vegetable drawer of the refrigerator or a few months, cut into sections, in the freezer.