

Free Workshops

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Growing Great Potatoes



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KCCG's Potato Varieties

Kennebec - Medium to late maturing white potato with smooth tan skin. Medium sized potato that stores well.

Norkotah - Russet potato with early to medium maturity. White flesh with tan skin.

Purple Majesty - Early maturing purple skinned potato with purple flesh. Smaller in size and slightly nutty flavor. Stores well.

Red Norlund - Early maturing potato with red skin and white flesh. Smaller in size and great for boiling and potato salad.

Yukon Gold - Medium maturing potato with golden tan skin and yellow flesh.

Fun Facts:

Potatoes are a member of the nightshade family which includes tomatoes and eggplant.

They are a starchy tuber. The part we eat actually grows to store food for the leafy part of the plant.

Potatoes are native to the Americas and can be found in a variety of colors and sizes!

Planting:

- In the Kansas City area, plant between March 10th and April 10th.
- Cut a sprouting potato into approximately 4 pieces, each about the size of a ping pong ball.
- Make sure each piece has a sprout on it.
- Lay each piece out at room temperature for 24 hours on a newspaper or drying pan.
- Dig holes 9-12" apart and 5-6" deep.
- Place the potato piece in the hole with the sprout point up.
- Cover with loose soil and compost (if available).

Care:

- Water when the top 1 inch of soil dries out.
- When plants sprout, mulch with 1-3" of straw.
- As plants grow 3-4", mound the dirt around the stem of the plant by gathering soil around it.
- Mound soil 2 or 3 times until plant is fully grown.

Additional Care:

- Potatoes need at least 1" of water per week either from rainfall or deep watering.
- Continue to mound with soil, mulch or straw throughout the growing season. Potatoes do not like light. This practice will help reduce the amount of sun the developing potatoes receive.
- Too much sun makes the young potatoes turn green and cause a build up of toxins making them unfit to eat.

Harvest and Storage:

- Potatoes are ready to be harvested when plants start to die. The green plants should be about 1.5 - 2 feet tall and the top leaves will start to brown.
- When this happens, use a garden trowel to pull the plant out of the ground.
- Then, use the trowel to dig around the plant, approximately 8" from base of the plant. Make sure to dig deep!
- Store plants in a dark, cool, dry place and allow them to breathe.