

# Free Workshops

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Did you know? KCCG offers 40+ free gardening and cooking workshops each year. With topics ranging from an introduction to vegetable gardening to tips and tricks for pest management and cooking demonstrations with fresh garden produce, we welcome everyone from beginner gardeners to seasoned pros.

**See the schedule and register at:**  
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# Online Resources

KCCG's website offers guide sheets on a wealth of gardening topics, including watering, fertilizing, pest management and more!

**Find them at**  
[kccg.org/gardening-guidesheets](http://kccg.org/gardening-guidesheets)

Our vast library of online videos can help you with most anything including planting, maintenance, harvesting, and cooking.

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# Together We Grow

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KCCG provides seeds, plants, resources and education that help more than 42,000 households to grow more than 1.5 million pounds of healthy food each year.

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# Volunteer

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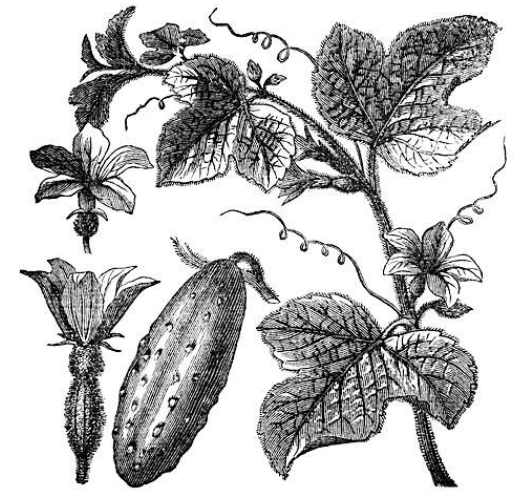
Volunteers help to fill seed packs, start transplants, build raised garden beds, and more! We have opportunities for everyone.

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# Growing Great Cucumber

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# KCCG's Varieties

**Diva** - 58 days - Smooth thin skin and a tender bitter-free taste. Plants produce all female flowers and do not need another variety for pollination, perfect for growing under row cover to exclude insects. Foliage is resistant to mildew and scab along with some resistance to cucumber beetles.

**Little Leaf H-19** - 57 days - Bright green cucumbers are 3-5" long, good for both pickling and eating fresh. Vines have smaller leaves and are compact, multi-branching, and yield well even under stress. This variety can be grown under row cover without pollination (parthenocarpic). Very productive and disease resistant.

**Marketmore 76** - 56 days  
Long, slender, dark green slicing cucumbers on short, space-saving vines. Disease resistant.

**National Pickling** -57 days. Fruit slightly tapered, about 6-7" long. Medium dark green color.

**Suyo Long** - 61 days - Traditional variety from China has fruits up to 15" long that are sweet flavored and bitter free. Vines are widely adapted, grow well in hot weather and set fruit early.

## Planting:

Plant 5/5 - 5/30

(Guidelines for planting in raised beds)

Seeds: Build 6-7" tall mounds that are 8-10" in diameter at the base. In a 4'x12' raised bed there should be 2 mounds across and 7 or 8 mounds down. Place 3 to 4 seeds in each mound. Cover lightly with soil.

## Care:

Seeds: Water the seeds regularly with a gentle spray. Keep the soil moist, so that the seeds will germinate.

Young seedlings: Once the seeds have germinated, thin the seeds so that there are 2 plants in each mound. Mulch plants with cotton burr compost or straw to keep the soil moist.

## Harvest & Storage:

Cucumbers will grow from bright yellow blossoms. Cucumbers can be harvested at varying sizes. Smaller vegetables are good for pickling and canning. They should be evenly green throughout the whole cucumber, and they should be firm to the touch. Discard yellowing cucumbers. Hot, dry weather can make cucumbers bitter. Cucumbers may be stored in the refrigerator for up to 10 days.

## Nutritional Facts:

Eat cucumbers without peeling off the skin, as the skin contains important vitamins and minerals, as well as fiber.

Cucumbers are high in calcium, iron, potassium and Vitamin A.

Cucumbers are made up of 95% water, which helps promote clear, healthy skin.