

# 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:  
[kccg.org/workshops](http://kccg.org/workshops)

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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.

Find them at  
[kccg.org/how-to-videos](http://kccg.org/how-to-videos)

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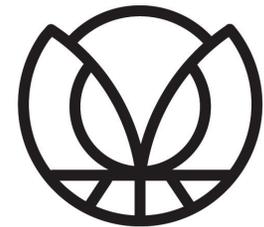
Volunteers help to fill seed packs, start transplants, build raised garden beds, and more! We have opportunities for everyone.

To join the fun, visit  
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# Growing Great Cotton

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## **Cotton**

165-180 Days

This is the same cotton used to make your t-shirts and jeans.

Some varieties have naturally colored fibers instead of white.

Grow some of your own cotton and amaze your friends.

Pull fiber off seeds and plant indoors in a 4" pot by April 1st.

Transplant outdoors around May 12-15.

Bolls ripen and burst open in late fall. Plants grow 5-6' tall and may need staking.

## **Planting:**

Plant 5/5-5/15

(Guidelines for planting in raised beds)

Seeds: Pull individual seeds out of cotton bolls. Cotton bolls have 10-20 seeds per boll.

Sow seeds in rows spaced 8-12" apart and thin plants to stand 12-15" apart in each rows, which allows the plant room to grow.

## **Care:**

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

Young seedlings: Water when top 1 inch of soil dries out. Mulch the plants with cotton burr compost to keep soil moist.

## **Harvest:**

Cotton begins as a blossom that looks similar to a rose.

After the blossom opens, the petals will turn yellow and fall off the plant.

A hard, green boll will be left. Slowly, the boll will open and the cotton will be revealed.

Harvest the cotton by pinching the stem above the fiber.

Multiple yields will grow on the cotton plant.