

# Free Workshops

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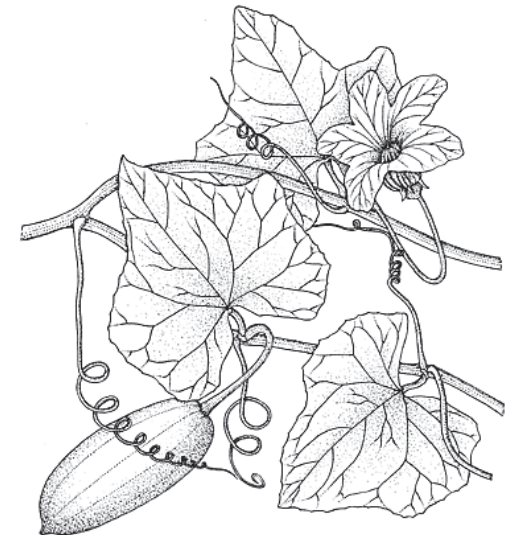
Volunteers help to fill seed packs, start transplants, build raised garden beds, and more! We have opportunities for everyone.

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# Growing Wonderful Watermelon

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# KCCG's Varieties

## **Black Diamond** - 80 days

Early and productive with sweet red flesh. Large fruits average 30 lbs.

## **Crimson Sweet** - 96 days

Short, oval, light-green fruit with dark stripes, averaging 15-25 lbs. Tolerant to fusarium and anthracnose, dark red flesh, with high sugar content in a dry year. Small seeds.

## **Sugar Baby** - 76 days

Round fruits 6-8" in diameter averaging 8-10 lbs. Ripe melons have very dark green rinds (except for a yellow belly) and sweet red flesh with small seeds.

## **Yellow Doll** - 75-80 days

Brightly colored yellow flesh is sweet, crisp and juicy. Melons are about 3-5 lbs, which makes them easier to store in the refrigerator. Plants produce heavily.

## **Planting:**

Plant 5/05-5/20

Plant after the soil is warm and all danger of frost has passed. Watermelons grow best in a sandy, loam soil.

Watermelon vines require considerable space. Plant 6-7 seeds 1/2" deep in hills spaced 4 feet apart in ground plots. Plant 1-2 seeds 18-24" apart in raised beds, After the seedlings are established, thin to the best 3 plants per hill in ground plots or best 1 in raised beds.

## **Care:**

Watermelons should be kept free from weeds by shallow hoeing and cultivation.

The plants have moderately deep roots and watering is seldom necessary unless the weather turns dry for an extended period.

## **Harvest & Storage:**

Many home gardeners have trouble in determining when watermelons are ripe. Use a combination of these indicators: (1) light green, curly tendrils on the stem near the point of attachment of the melon usually turn brown and dry (2) the surface color of the melon turns dull (3) the skin becomes resistant to penetration by the thumbnail and is rough to the touch (4) the bottom of the melon (where it lies on the soil) turns from light green to a yellowish color.

These indicators are more reliable than "thumping" the melon.

Many water-melons do not emit the "dull thud" when ripe. For these, the "dull thud" may mean an over-ripe, mushy melon.