

# 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

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

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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 Southern Peas

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# KCCG's Varieties

**Blackeye** - 60-78 days. Vigorous, high yielding 24-40" tall plants with 7-9" pods. 10-12 seeds per pod. Wilt resistant, excellent as a shell bean, or as a dry bean.

**Brown Crowder** - 60 days. Extra large, straw colored, red-tinged 7-9" long pods. Very productive busy plants. Easy to pick and shell.

**Purple Hull**- 50-78 days. Strong, vigorous vines. Excellent for cooking green or freezing. White pea with small purple eye. Two crops in a season in this region.

## Planting:

In the Kansas City area, plant between May 1st and May 31st.

Plant southern pea seeds 1" deep directly into prepared beds about 2 to 3 inches apart in rows 24" apart.

After the peas are planted, place a 2-inch layer of mulch over the bed.

## Care:

Planting seeds too thick and not thinning them to the proper spacing is likely to result in poor production.

Keeping the bed well mulched is your best nonchemical defense against weeds.

Regularly and promptly pull any weeds that make it up through the mulch.

## Harvest and Storage:

Southern peas will be ready to harvest about 55 days from sowing the seeds. Harvest the pods when they are well-filled and have changed to a light straw, silver or purple color, depending on the cultivar because they shell easiest at this stage.

The peas themselves should have a greenish appearance when shelled out. Shell out and use the peas the day they are harvested.

If the pods are going to be held for more than a day, they should be refrigerated until they can be shelled.

Shelled peas may be stored for several days prior to cooking in a covered bowl in the refrigerator.