

Free Workshops

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Together We Grow

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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Growing Pumpkins



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KCCG's Varieties

Connecticut Field - 110 days
Standard general purpose or large Halloween pumpkin. Hard, smooth, somewhat ribbed, deep orange pumpkin, weighing 15-25 lbs.

Kakai - 100 days - Eye-catching, medium-small, avg. 5-8 lb., black-striped pumpkins. After displaying the pumpkins next fall, you can scoop out the large, dark green, completely hull-less seeds, which are absolutely delicious roasted. Semi-bush, short-vine plants. Avg. yield 2-3 fruits per plant

Small Sugar -100 days - Averaging about 6-7 lbs. each, this is one of the standard smaller pumpkins. Good yields of deep orange pumpkins with high quality flesh.

Planting:

Plant 5/15-5/25

Build 6-7" tall mounds that are 8-10" in diameter at the base. In a 4'x12' raised bed there should be two or three mounds in one bed. However, KCCG recommends planting pumpkins in a ground plot. Place three to four seeds in each mound. Cover lightly with soil.

Care:

Seeds: Water regularly with a gentle spray. Keep the soil moist so that the seeds will germinate. After germination, thin the seedlings so that there are two sprouts per mound.

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

Harvest & Storage:

Pumpkins are ready to harvest once they are orange throughout the whole pumpkin.

The rind of the pumpkin should also be hard. Green pumpkins may become orange after being harvested but they are not fully mature.

To harvest, cut the pumpkin stem with pruning shears 3-4" above the pumpkin.

Pumpkins can tolerate a light frost, but they should be harvested before the night temperatures dip into the 20s.

Place pumpkins in a cool, dark place to store.