

# PLANTING GUIDE FOR POTATOES

Potatoes are starchy tuber belonging to Solanaceae family, which is native to the Americas. They are versatile and popular in many cuisines as tasty soups, dishes, salads, appetizers making them worthy of your garden space.

Here are some tips on how to keep home-grown potatoes right in your yard/garden.

## Planting site:

- A. Choose a site that can provide full sun and place it in a well-drained soil.
- B. Loosen the soil to a depth of 12-15 inches, then mix in a 2-4 inch compost layer using a garden fork or tiller.
- C. Spring is the best season to plant seed potatoes. A few days before planting, make sure to cut seed potatoes into small pieces with 2-3 eyes per piece.



## Basic Care Tips

A. Hilling or pulling the soil up against the plants about a week after leaves emerge from soil allows developing tubers to expand easily. It buries and kills weeds around the plants before they become a serious problem.

B. 6-10 weeks after planting, frequent watering is needed.

## Harvesting

About 10 weeks after planting, it's time to harvest small, new potatoes.



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