**How to Grow an Avocado at Home.**

The purpose of this article is to inform students from Virginia Tech on how to properly grow an avocado tree from home. Saving money is a huge priority to many college students. By growing food from home, you could save a bit of money on your next grocery trip.

**IMPORTANT**

Avocado trees can grow up to 80 feet tall. It is important to take into consideration the space you have at home.

Making sure you get the right size pot will prevent your tree from overgrowing.

**MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED**

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Avocado Seed Toothpicks Soil

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Drinking Glass Pot

or Jar

**STEPS**

1. Start by carefully removing the pit from the avocado, and then washing it clean. Make sure you are

removing all of the fruit.

1. Then, insert 3-4 toothpicks about halfway up the side of the avocado pit. Make sure to let the avocado pit dry before inserting the toothpicks.
2. Locate which end is “up” and which is end “down,” and place the pit in a drinking glass or jar. Make sure the pit is halfway submerged.

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1. Place the glass in a warm spot out of direct sunlight and change the water regularly.
2. When the sprout grows about 6 inches tall, cut it back to about 3 inches to encourage more root growth.
3. Once the stem grows out again, plant the pit in a pot that is at least 10-inches and fill in with rich potting soil.
4. Now that you have planted your pit, sit back and watch your tree grow. Make sure you water your tree properly, wait until your soil is dry before watering again. Yellow leaves indicate that you are overwatering your tree.