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NEWSLETTER

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Seed Potatoes Still in Store!

AGRIA- Long oval shape, yellow flesh. Floury potato, suitable for boiling, mashing, baking, wedges, and chipping. High yielder, maturity 90-100 days.

NADINE- Round shape, white flesh. Waxy potato, good for boiling, salads, casseroles, and soups. Maturity 80-90 days.

ILAM HARDY- Oval round shape, white flesh. Floury potato, ideal for mashing, baking, roasting, chipping, and wedges. Maturity 70-80 days

DESIREE- Round shape, pink skin, light yellow flesh. Firm and creamy, good all rounder. Maturity 90-100 days.



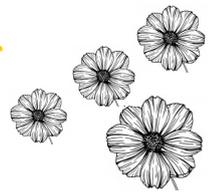
Growing Seed Potatoes in Containers

If you have limited gardening space, you can easily grow potatoes in buckets, pots, or planter bags. Sprout seed potatoes in a well-lit area for 3-4 weeks before planting. Add 10-15 cm of compost or potting mix to a container with good drainage. Place the potatoes on top with shoots facing up and cover with another 10 cm of compost or potting mix. Keep well-watered but not soaking wet. Over time, continue to add more soil as the shoots grow, until the container is nearly full. Check varieties for days to maturity. Early varieties are ready to harvest after they have flowered and died down. Main crops are ready when the foliage dies back.



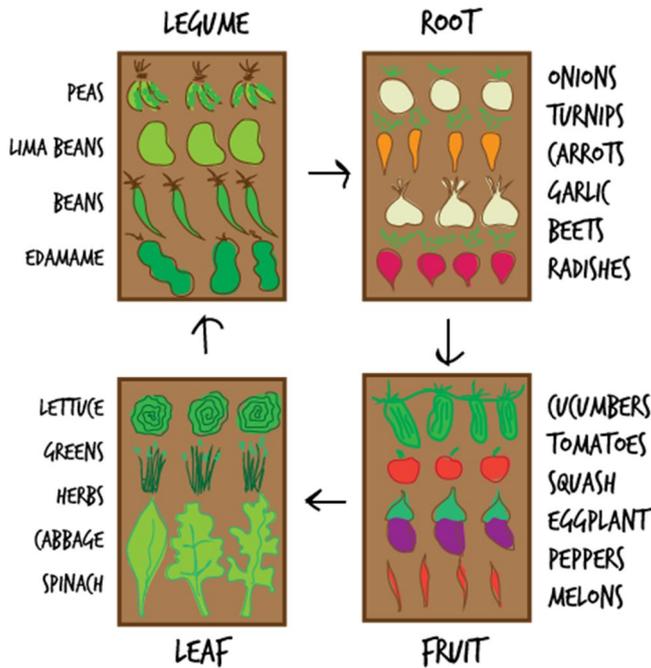
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Sowing Seeds in Vegetable Gardens

Although planting seedlings is easy and convenient, growing veggies and herbs from seeds has its own benefits. You'll find a wider variety in the selection of seeds than seedlings, and they are cheaper. Plus, you'll be able to observe the life cycle of the plant from its humble beginnings through to harvest, a rewarding experience for everyone involved.



Growing plants from seed is an economical way to plan your harvests. Instead of planting a punnet of 6 of the same vegetable that will be ready all at once, you can sow your seeds in succession for continuous harvests throughout the growing season.

If you've never started a garden from seed before, the instructions are conveniently printed on the packet. While some seeds are best started indoors in trays and transplanted later, many do well directly sown into the garden bed. These include beans, peas, sweet corn, carrots, parsnips, and spinach, just to name a few. For seeds started indoors, common with vegetables such as tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, broccoli, and cauliflower, use a seed raising mix, as they are specially designed to allow adequate moisture retention, drainage, and movement of small, delicate roots.

Seed Packets and Seed Raising Mixes Available In-Store!



The chart above is an example of how to rotate crops in your garden to avoid disease build-up and make the most of nutrients in your soil.

SEED RAISING MIXES



Daltons Organic Seed Mix 15 L

Contains BioGro certified products, including naturally composted bark, organic materials, pumice, a slow release fertiliser, and a chemical-free friendly fungus to for natural disease suppression.



Yates Black Magic Seed Raising Mix 5 L

Contains fine bark, fine pumice, controlled release fertilisers, and a fungicide to protect against common seedling diseases. Suitable for seed-raising in trays, outdoor sowing, and propaga-



Daltons Premium Seed Mix 40 L and 15 L

A blend of coco fibre, NZ bark fines, and pumice, with controlled release fertilisers and friendly fungus for optimal seedling health. Suitable for seed trays or outdoor sowing.



NoPests® Refillable Wasp Dome and Wasp Lure



NoPests® Codling Moth Pheromone Trap



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