

HARRIS® SEEDS

Potato Planting Instructions

Harvest: August and September

Spread: 18-24"

Exposure: Full Sun

Depth: Plant 4 to 6 inches deep in a broad well-shaped hill to control late season greening.

Spacing: 12-15"

Foliage Type: Open, average-sized, medium green leaves.

SOIL PREPARATION: - Potatoes grow in average soil, so a great deal of soil preparation is not really needed. However the addition of some compost or a little peat moss is beneficial. Avoid using fresh manure or lime in the soil where potatoes are to be grown, as it tends to cause scab on the potatoes. The addition of either 5-10-10 or 10-20-20 fertilizer is beneficial. Mix the fertilizer into the planting soil, prior to planting. Till or spade the soil to a depth of ten or twelve inches. Plant upon receiving, or store in a cool, dry place until you are ready to plant. They'll keep for weeks.

PLANTING: Select a sunny location and plant in early spring. No cutting is required. If the seed potatoes are small to medium sized, plant the whole potato. If they are large sized, you can cut them in half, or quarter them. Each section should have two or three 'growth eyes'. After cutting, let the cut surface callus-over for a few days before planting them.

SPACING: potatoes can be grown in many different ways. If you have lots of room the pieces can be spaced about a foot apart in rows which are spaced two to three feet apart. Then cover with about an inch of soil. Pull in additional soil as the plants develop. Always be certain the surface tubers are covered with soil. Hilling or mounding is another method of growing potatoes. Three or four pieces of potatoes are planted on a mound of soil, pulling in additional soil as the potatoes develop.

WATERING: Black or hollow centers on potatoes are often caused by over-watering. Irregular watering causes irregular shaped or knobby potatoes. As a guideline, water potatoes (thoroughly) weekly during warmer summer weather.

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