



Rail City Garden Center

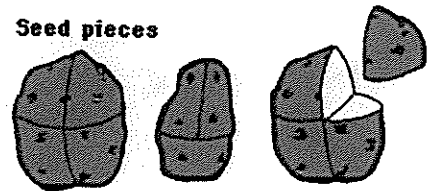
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Planting and growing Potatoes

Basic Information

- ❖ Potato is a cool season vegetable that is an important staple crop in the human diet. The seed potato contains buds or "eyes" which sprout and grow into plants. When cutting the seed potato piece make sure not to cut them too small, cutting it into equal portions. Too small pieces can produce a weak plant. Also, cut the seed 5 or 6 days before planting, it will need to heal over in a well ventilated spot before going into the ground.



Planting Information

- ❖ The soil you are planting a seed potato in should be close to 50° temperature 5 inches deep in the soil. A good rule is to plant them about 3 weeks before the last spring frost, in our region we can plant in the middle of March. As in many of our plant materials a good organic and well drained soil is optimum. Plant your seed potato 3 inches deep and 10 to 12 inches apart. If planted too deep, they will break through the soil slowly and may be subject to disease and seed decay. Step gently on each seed piece after dropping in the trench or hole to assure good contact with the soil. As the plant emerges and you have 2 sets of stems begin a practice of mounding the soil up and around the lowest branches, do this 3 times, and then let the plant go. The purpose of mounding is for more potato production.

