

PLANTING POTATOES

SOIL:

Potatoes like a light, sandy soil, although most soils are suitable.

- a) Add **Peat Moss, Nature Life** and **Lava Sand** to your soil.
- b) Add **Ionate** to create a more acid soil, which will help to control potato scab.

FERTILIZATION:

- a) Broadcast 2 lbs of **Fertilome's Gardener's Special** per 100 square feet, and work into the soil.
- b) Add a small handful of **Hi-Yield Super Phosphate, Soft Rock Phosphate,** and **Gardener's Special** to the planting hole and cover with 2"-3" soil.

PLANTING:

- a) Small seed potatoes can be planted whole.
- b) Cut large potatoes into 3-4 pieces allowing 2-3 eyes per piece. Allow the cut pieces to heal over for 1 or 2 days. Plant with the cut side down and the eyes facing up.
- c) Make trenches about 5"-6" deep and put a piece of potato every 10"-12" in the row. Space the rows 2'-3' apart. You will need 7-8 lbs to plant a 100ft row.

HILLING:

- a) When the plants are 5"-6" high, hill up around them with soil or mulch.
- b) Do a second hilling when plant tops have grown 8"-10" tall (about 3-4 weeks after the first hilling).

HARVESTING:

- a) The first new potatoes are ready about 7 or 8 weeks after planting (when a few blossoms appear). You can reach into the hill and remove some small boiling-size potatoes. The plant will continue to produce more potatoes.
- b) When the tops have withered and died down the rest of the potatoes are ready to be dug. Allow them to dry for several hours after digging up.
- c) Store in a COOL (40-50 degrees) DARK place. If they are exposed to light they develop a green color and are not edible.

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