



Fact Sheet

Grow your own Potatoes

It's easier than you think, just follow these simple instructions...

In the Garden

1 Before planting, it's a good idea to "Green" your seed potatoes. This means leaving them in a well lit spot for a week or two out of the rain to start shoots growing. Avoid direct sun as this can burn or cook them.

Larger potatoes can be cut in half or quarters as long as each segment has at least one "eye", or shoot. Let the cut pieces dry for a few days.

Prepare the soil by digging in plenty of well-rotted manure or compost.

Dig a trench for the seed potatoes about 30-40cm wide and 10-20cm deep.

Add a bit more compost/manure and some blood and bone to the bottom of the trench and cover with soil.

2 Put seed potatoes 20-30cm apart in the trench, shoot side up. Fill in the trench to cover the potatoes. As potato shoots start to appear, cover them up with soil from either side of the trench. 'Hill up' the crop this way a few times in the first four or five weeks of growth. This gives the potatoes a nice loose mound of soil in which to grow.

3 Now leave the shoots to develop further and form leaves. Keep potatoes moist while plants are growing. The soil should be damp enough to stick to your fingers. Harvest when the leaves have died off. If you want small new potatoes (like chats), harvest earlier. You can check how well developed they are by scraping away some of the soil.

Sebago Potatoes

- Long to oval shape, with white flesh and white skin.
- Great all rounder, suitable for boiling, mashing, roasting or baking.
- Store in a cool, dry and dark place.



Kipfler Potatoes

- Cigar or finger shaped and quite knobby. Yellow skin with a light waxy flesh.
- Great for salads, boiling and roasting, but not recommended for frying or chips.
- With a wonderful buttery nutty flavour the Kipfler is becoming a gourmet favourite in Australia.
- Store in a cool, dry and dark place.

Old potatoes will keep for weeks in a paper bag with plenty of ventilation.



Not enough space?

Large pots (40cm or larger) are perfect for growing a great crop, even on a balcony or patio. Just put 10cm of a good organic growing mix and a handful of blood and bone in the bottom of the pot. Cover with another 10cm of mix and water well. Keep soil moist while plants are growing. As the foliage grows keep topping up the mix until the pot is full. At the end of the season, when the foliage has died back, simply tip out to harvest your fantastic crop of fresh potatoes.

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