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Gardening Program

GARDENING TIPS FOR USING PEAT PELLETS & SEEDS

Tips for Picking a Jar or Container

You can use items you already have around your house to plant your seeds in, such as;

- Mason jars
- Peanut butter containers
- Margarine containers
- Sour cream containers
- Egg cartons
- Make a container with old newspaper

Now that you have picked out your jar or container, follow these instructions on how to plant.

Tips for Planting

- Zucchini seeds and beet seeds will need to be planted directly into your garden and not in a peat pellet.
- Place a peat pellet in the container you are going to be using for your seed to grow.
- Make sure to add enough water to cover about half the height of your peat pellet.
- Making sure the pellet has absorbed the all of the water, wait 5 to 10 minutes for the pellet to completely expand. If more water is needed you can add more. Pour out any excess water from your container.
- Slightly tear the top of the netting on the peat pellet. You can do this with a pencil or a toothpick. Make a small hole to place your seeds into.



- Now you are ready to plant your seeds! Place one seed in the peat pellet, cover them with the soil you moved to the side.
- Now, if you wish, you can make a label for your pellets to remember what you planted.
- Place the container in a warm place out of direct sunlight and wait for the seeds to sprout. Be sure to cover your container with a lid during this step, but not air tight.
- The peat pellets only need to be watered if they are looking dry. If the soil is damp, the pellet doesn't need water.
- Once the seeds have sprouted, you can take the lid off and move the container to a place in your home where it will get sunlight. Water as needed.
- Only the seeds that have sprouted can be moved into direct sunlight. The other pellets need to stay covered in the container until they have sprouts.
- It is time to transplant the seedlings when they have roots, you should see these through the netting.
- Before moving directly outdoors, harden off your plants by exposing them in short amounts of time outside to get used to the change in light and temperature.
- To transplant the seedlings to your garden, place the pellet directly in the soil and cover.



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