Sweet Potato Cutting Instructions

Thank you for purchasing your disease free sweet potato cuttings from Livingseeds.

We obtain only the best planting material so that you can have the finest gardening results. Our sweet Potato Cuttings come from established planting material and you can feel confident in their ability to provide you with a superior harvest.

Please follow these simple instructions to make sure that you get the best results.

Your cuttings will come in clearly marked cardboard tubes for easy identification. Note that the material is trimmed and has a life expectancy of about 10 days from when we ship the cuttings. To remove the cuttings from the tube, pop the plastic base off and gently push the plant material up and out of the tube.

1) Your soil should be prepared and ready for planting.
2) Pre-irrigate the soil so that the cuttings are transplanted directly into moist soil.
3) Plant directly into the soil, covering ¾ of the plant material.
4) Irrigate every morning until you see new growth being produced.
5) Once new growth has commenced, you can cut back irrigation to every second day for 2 weeks.
6) After two weeks deeply water 2-3 times per week.

Notes:

1) Roots should already have formed on your cuttings.
2) If you are not going to plant immediately, remove the cuttings and stand them in a jar of water.
3) Harvesting can be done in two main ways.
    a) Watch the ends of the vines, as soon as they start to turn yellow, you can start harvesting.
    b) Allow the plant to continue growing until it is cut back by frost. You can then 'store' the sweet potatoes in the soil undisturbed and harvest as you need. Note that if you get winter rain, then the entire crop should be lifted, preferably before the onset of rain.

We trust that you will have an extraordinary planting season. Please let us know how your harvest goes.

The Livingseeds.co.za Team