

# How to grow potato's



# Potato varieties for growing

## Seconds

Charlotte

Maris Peer

Jazzy

Kestrel

## Main crops

All Blue

Bintje (an heirloom)

Butte

Canela Russet

Carola

Desiree

Fingerling Salad

German Butterball

King Harry (an heirloom)

Purple Peruvian

Russet Norkotah

# Preparing the ground



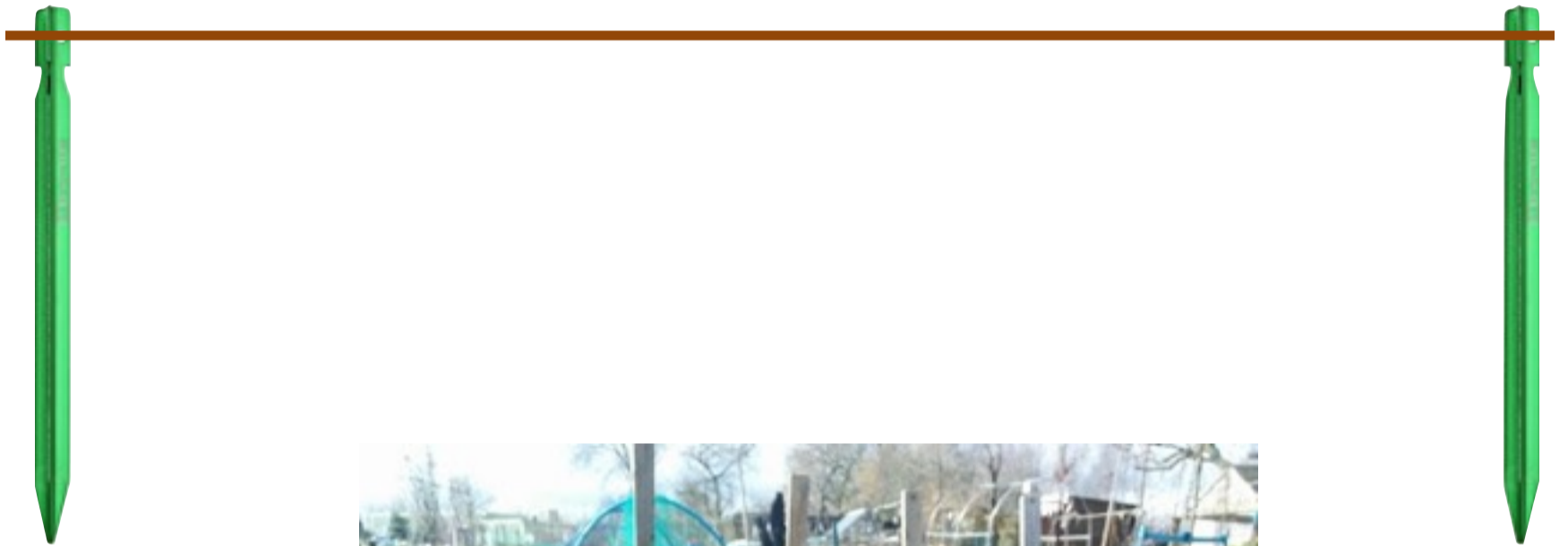
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Before planting your potato seeds make sure the ground is well prepared and raked.



To create your ditches tie some garden string into  
a peg and  
put this into the ground.

Pull this across your plot to the other end and  
place the second peg into the ground.  
You can now create a straight line ditch.



Following your string guides dig  
trenches 10 cm deep.

The width of the trench  
should be the width of your  
spade.



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Plant each potato in the trench  
10 cm apart.





Cover trench with soil.  
You can use a rake to pull over  
the soil to cover the potato's.





Leave enough space between your next row of potato's as you will need to build up the soil levels when the plant grows.



Rake the soil over the plants as they grow to avoid blackened shoots and delayed growing, this is called earthing up.

Eventually you will have a mound of earth with the leaves at the top.

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When the weather gets warmer the potato's will need plenty of water. You may have to water twice a day. Always water first thing in the morning or evening.



If the soil is already wet  
do not over water as you can cause  
potato blight.

To avoid potato blight buy resistant  
potato's like 'Hungarian  
Sarpo'

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Your second potato's should be ready within 13 weeks of planting.

Your main crops will be ready 20 weeks from planting.





Main crop leaves should be allowed to wither and then cut these off before harvesting.

You must use a garden fork to lift the potato's from around the plant.

Do not dig too near to the plant as you may hit the potato's below the soil surface.