

Potatoes in a tire

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Potatoes are easy to grow, but tough to harvest, a few old tires.

here is an easy way to do this using

What you'll need:

- 3 or 4 old tires - most places that fix tires will be happy to have you take away a few.
- 4 Seed potatoes - you can get these from an agricultural supplier, if that's not possible then 6 regular potatoes should work, but you won't get as high a yield.
- Straw or other Mulch.

Construction.

If you started with regular potatoes, put them in a dark place until they start sprouting.

Pick a location



Place some cardboard on the ground, on it place the tire, spread the potatoes around the inside of the tire, on the cardboard and cover them with about 5cm of mulch. Wait



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The potatoes should grow up through the mulch, when they are sticking out about 15 or 20cm then add more mulch, leaving about 2cm of growth sticking through. Keep doing this until the shoots start to flower. Wait

When the flowers die, lift off the tires, amid the mulch should be a bumper crop of potatoes, with the added bonus that they'll already be clean.

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