

Preparing your Tubers for Planting

Pull your tubers out of winter storage

- If your tubers have been in cold storage over the winter April 1st is a good time to warm them up and get them ready for planting.
- Sort through your tubers and throw away any rotted ones. You can label the tubers with a sharpie pen to keep track of the varieties.
- I like Greenhouse Megastore for supplies <http://www.greenhousemegastore.com/>
- Things you will need:
 - Potting soil – sungro LC1 growing mix. I buy at Telly's Greenhouse
 - Trays – I use 1020 heavy duty flat trays from Greenhouse Megastore



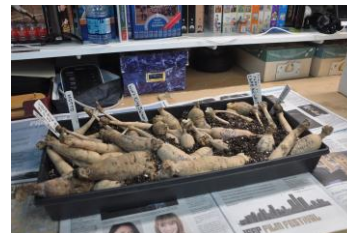
Prepare soil

- The LC1 tends to be dry. I mix soil and water in a 5 gallon bucket, and stir until soil is moist.
- You don't want the soil too wet. Moisten until the soil holds together when you squeeze in your hand. If water drips from soil it is too wet.
- Place the soil in your trays



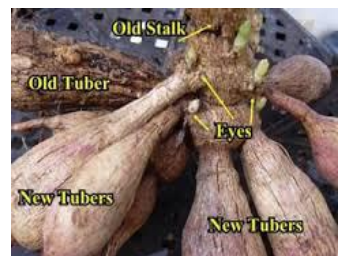
Place tubers in soil and wait for them to "eye" up

- Place your tubers, crown side up, in the soil, and put in warm location
 - I did a lot of dividing in the fall. If you have big clumps just set them in the soil crown up.
- In 1-3 weeks your tubers should start to eye up (sprout). This will help you divide them for potting/planting.



Dividing your tubers

- Use a sharp knife and divide tubers making sure each tuber has part of the crown with an eye.



Planting in pots

- Once my tubers sprout I plant them in individual pots to get the plants a head start before planting in the ground. More instructions later.