

Growing lettuce in a 5 gallon bucket

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Materials: 3 net pots (2-inch), Chem-Gro 10-8-22 fertilizer, growing medium or oasis blocks, plastic teaspoon, lettuce or kaichoy seed

Grower supplies a clean food-safe bucket and water

- 1.) Wash a 5 gallon bucket with water. (*The bucket should not have previously held oil or chemicals*).
- 2.) Fill the bucket to within 1 inch from the top with rain water.
- 3.) Add 4 to 5 teaspoons of Chem-Gro 10-8-22 hydroponic fertilizer.
- 4.) Stir the solution. It will appear cloudy and some will settle to the bottom
- 5.) Drill 3 holes in the lid with a hole saw so the net pots fit snugly. (Use a 2-inch hole saw.
- 6.) Place lid on bucket.
- 7.) Fill net pots with growing medium. Tap to help settle the medium, but do not pack the medium. Alternatively, an oasis block may be placed in each net pot as the growing medium. Some growers prefer to transplant 1 to 2 week-old seedlings into the net pots
- 8.) Place net pot in the lid.
- 9.) Plant 1 or 2 seeds in each net pot.

Lettuce should be ready to harvest in about 5-7 weeks.

Bucket should be placed in a location which receives adequate light and is protected from rainfall or high winds. For example, the bucket may be placed under the roof overhang of a building .

Note: Seed should be stored in the refrigerator, because heat and humidity cause it to lose viability. Seed may not germinate if it is too hot outside. If this is the case, then pregerminate in a covered cup with wet tissue paper.