

IT'S PLANTING DAY! Unfortunately, my grandfather and I were not able to buy all the vegetables plants as we wanted, but we managed to buy a few. (Bean seeds, tomato plants, cucumber plants.)



I will keep you informed when we manage to buy all the plants we wanted.

The Beans



Lucky enough, the first item we planted was the most meticulous, and pain-staking item we needed to plant. First, we needed to soak the beans in some water before we planted it for about 10-20 minutes. Afterwards, we placed some new fresh soil where we're going to plant the beans (right beside the metal fence, since the beans need something to latch onto when they grow).



Next came the actual planting. First we took some of the seeds out of the water-filled cup. Then, we placed the seeds somewhat far from each other, but the important part was to make sure the beans were close enough to the metal fence, so they could latch onto it when it grows. Afterwards, we used our fingers to press the beans about 1 or 2 inches into the soil, then we would cover it up.



Next up was the most obvious step. We needed to water the beans. While watering the beans, or any plant for that matter, you need to take into consideration how much water you are giving the plants as well as the pressure the water is coming out at. The most ideal scenario is to ensure the water is coming out at a low-pressure. Another good pointer is to not drown the plants in water, but give them a little puddle they can soak up.



Afterwards was an interesting step my grandfather added into the mix. In rough translation he stated that to stop a majority of the water from evaporating, we must place a little bit of soil on top. I thought this was an interesting and smart idea.

The Cucumbers

Before we planted the cucumbers, my grandfather said we needed to circulate some air into the old soil since we have been stepping all over it while planting the beans. So my grandfather brought out his trusty machine to get the work done quicker and easier.



Afterwards, we dug 4 holes where we could place the cucumber plants into.





Then we watered the cucumber plants keeping the same ideology about the beans. (not too much water or pressure.)



Finally, similar to the beans, once we finished watering the cucumber plants we placed some soil on top to prevent some of the water escaping through evaporation.

The Tomatoes

Planting the tomato plants was completely a rinse and repeat process from planting the cucumber plants, but here is a picture of the tomato plants sitting together.



Overall, this process took me and my grandfather about 3 hours. Even though it was pain-staking, and tiring it was a fantastic experience I was able to share with my grandfather, and also to gain some extra tips from him, when it comes to gardening. This assignment also made me recognize and appreciate covictory gardens after the first and second world war, and how they took pressure off of the food chain, as well as establishing a sense of victory and accomplishment among its community. As I previously stated, I will let you all know when my grandfather and I manage to purchase

the rest of the vegetables to complete our garden. Until then however I will be doing bi-weekly updates on how our garden is going, but until then good luck with your gardens, and stay safe!