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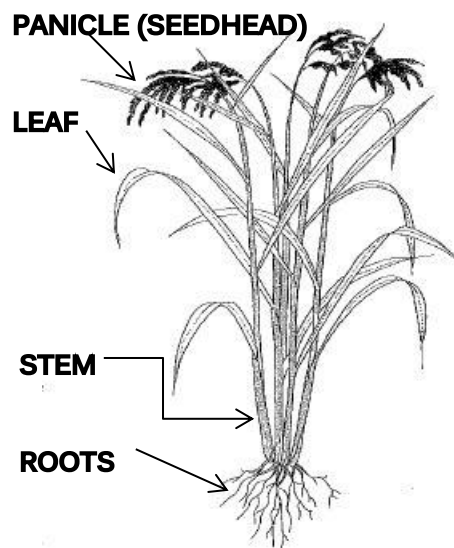
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Watching Rice Grow in Your Own Backyard

The rice grain provided will take about 120 days from planting to produce seed.

Directions to grow rice at home:

1. Fill a 1 gallon pot with soil, potting mix or garden soil; leave a 2 inch space at the top.
2. Plant rice seed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep using approximately 6 seeds per container.
3. Place the pot in a shallow pan or saucer that will hold water
4. Water the pot thoroughly from the top until water fills the bottom of the shallow pan and/or saucer.
5. Place in full sun. Keep soil moist.
6. Within about 10 days the rice seedlings will emerge. Remove extra plants so that you have no more than 3 plants per pot, evenly spaced.
7. As plants grow, add water and fertilizer to soil as needed. If the leaves begin to turn yellow, sprinkle on more fertilizer.
8. When grain turns yellow, and seeds have hardened it is ready to harvest or left to birds to eat.



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