



# Foundation Plant Services

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## **PISTACHIO SEED GERMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

(Provided by Louise Ferguson, Extension Pomologist, UC Kearney Agricultural Center)

1. Soak seed at room temperature for 24-48 hours
2. Roll loosely in damp burlap or towels; keep damp
3. Refrigerate at 33-36 degrees F. for 6 weeks
4. Hold rolls in dark at 70 to 90 degrees F, optimum 78 degrees F
5. Plant when germinated (best picked up with tweezers)
  - Suggested media:
    1. Straight peat - double jiffy pots
    - (in 2-1/4 x 2-1/4 x 4" peat pots) 2. Metro Mix
    3. 1/3 each of humus, fumigated sand and loam
6. Keep in greenhouse until danger of frost is past, generally mid-April
7. Transplant into 18" peat pots when plants reach 4-6" in height