

Caring for your Elkus Ranch Pea Seedling



1. As soon as you return to school or home give your seedling some water. The soil may have become dry since you left Elkus Ranch.



2. Within a few days, find a spot to plant your seedling outdoors. Peas need sunlight, good soil, and a place to climb. You can plant them directly in the ground or grow them in a container. They will need water so make sure there is a hose nearby or you have a watering can to use.



3. Loosen the soil where you are going to plant your seedling. Then dig a hole large enough for all the soil in your cup. Gently remove the seedling and place it in the hole. Cover all the roots with soil and pat firmly around the plant. Give the plant some water.



4. Find or build something for your pea plant to

climb up. Peas have thin tendrils that curl around string, wire or a thin branch from a tree or bush. You can tie string between 2 stakes or poles, use a small trellis



purchased from a garden or hardware store, or roll up a piece of chicken wire.

5. While your pea plant grows, keep weeds and pests (like snails and slugs) away from it. Check on your plant every day to see if it needs water, especially during warm days.
6. As your plant grows you will start to see white flowers. The pea pods will then start to appear as the petals start to fall away. In 60 – 80 days you should have fresh peas to eat!!