MORINGA TREE CULTIVATION

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SOAKING THE SEEDS

Soak the seeds in water overnight, the day before planting.
PLANTING THE TREE

1. Dig the planting hole 60cm deep.

2. Water the hole the evening before planting, or wait for a good rainfall.
   - Mix some manure with the soil.

3. PLANTING A SEEDLING OR DIRECT SEEDING

Don't forget to remove the sack.
FOR INTENSIVE MORINGA CULTURE

Space the trees 3 x 3 meters.

FOR ALLEY-CROPPING WITH OTHER CROPS

Plant the trees in rows 10 meters apart, with 2 to 3 meters between the trees in each row.
PRUNING

(using pruning shears or a knife)

1. When the trees reach a height of 60cm, cut the central growing stem 10cm from the top. This will encourage the tree to produce more branches.

2. About one month later, when the branches have reached a length of 20cm, cut them by 10cm.

3. Again, after another month has passed, cut the new branches in the same manner. This pruning will cause the tree to become bushy and remain small, making harvesting of the pods easier.