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Planting Wildflowers

Wildflowers are becoming an increasingly popular landscape item to add color and natural beauty to any area. Wildflower gardens have the appeal of low maintenance by requiring little water and reducing mowing frequency.

Wildflowers will lure many types of wildlife such as brilliantly colored hummingbirds and graceful butterflies to your landscape.

Where to plant - In general, wildflowers need a considerable amount of sunshine. Many species however, can tolerate partial shade. If the garden receives at least six hours of sunlight per day, your wildflowers will grow fine.

When to plant - The late winter months of February and March are the most favorable times to plant wildflowers. The nights are freezing and this helps the seed to germinate. Early Spring and early Fall will also produce good results if there is regular watering done.

How to plant - Proper seed to soil contact is essential to achieve a successful stand of wildflowers. Casually broadcasting the seed on an unprepared area will bring disappointing results. A little work and patience will reward you by producing a much more successful stand of blooms.



Step 1: Prepare the planting area. Planting on weed free soil is the most successful method. Rake to loosen the top 1-2 inches of soil to prepare the seed bed. Better growth occurs the first year when Watters "All Purpose Plant Food" is raked in the seed bed.

Step 2: A Watters secret - Create you own hydro-mulch. In a wheelbarrow blend your wildflower seed into a bag of Watters "Mulch". This not only allows you to see where the seed is spread, but it keeps the birds from feasting on the seed, insulates the seed, regulates moisture and increases germination.

Step 3: Highly recommended - After the seed is cast spread a layer of Natural Guard "Soil Activator" over the entire seed bed. This all natural granular dramatically increases germination and promote very deep roots on each flower.

Step 4: Some of the seeds will germinate in 10-20 days if soil temperatures are warm and sufficient moisture is available. Other seed will germinate more slowly. Regardless of planting location, your wildflowers will require supplemental water if it doesn't rain enough to keep the seedbed moist. Be careful not to walk on them as well.



Step 5: Over fertilizing wildflowers will result in producing larger foliage at the expense of blooms. Once the plants are beyond the critical seedling stage, they will survive long dry periods. Occasional watering will insure maximum bloom color.

Maintenance - Perennials will return year after year once established. Allow two weeks after the bloom period has passed so the flowers can reseed. Plants can be trimmed, weed whacked or mowed once the foliage has turned brown sometime late in the year.

4 Items Needed:

Favorite wildflower mix
All Purpose Plant Food
Bag of Watters Mulch
Soil Activator



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