



# General Planting Instructions

Instructions for each seed variety are included on some packets. For varieties without packet instructions, guidance is provided below.

Some seeds will not germinate from simple planting and may require special treatment. Most flowers can be grown in pots or in the ground unless otherwise noted. Vegetables are best grown in the ground, or started in starter pots and transferred to the ground for those wishing to get a head start on spring. In cold climates, seeds can be started indoors 6-8 weeks before the last expected frost, or grown as indoor plants if applicable. Growing zones 9 and above can plant virtually any time of year, provided temperature requirements for each seed variety are met.

## Pot Planting

Most plants prefer premium potting soil. Quality soil is the foundation of healthy plants. Peat moss and perlite are beneficial additions for most varieties. Cacti and succulents perform better with added perlite, while peat moss lowers soil pH, which most plants prefer.

## Starter Pot Planting for Ground Transfer

We recommend wetting potting soil before planting so that seeds are not disturbed by heavy watering afterward. Plant at the recommended depth and place in full sun or under grow lights, depending on the temperature at the time of planting. Temperature requirements are noted on each packet.

## Direct Sow Outdoor Planting

Most plants prefer full sun; exceptions are noted on individual packets. Clear the planting area of weeds and dig down several inches to loosen the soil. Most plants will struggle if soil is not loosened to allow roots to grow with less resistance—this is particularly important for root vegetables. Unless the planting area already has quality soil, replace a portion of the native soil with garden soil and organic compost, mixing these with the existing soil. Water the area thoroughly before planting. Sow seeds at the directed depth and water daily until sprouting occurs, then water as needed.

## Fertilizer Guidelines

Fertilizer is beneficial for most plants, with a few exceptions. Annual poppies, clary, and white sage are native to areas with poor soil and actually perform better without fertilizer. Spinach and spinach-like plants contain nitrates; adding fertilizer increases nitrate content unnecessarily, and these plants obtain adequate nutrients from the soil. We recommend a general organic fertilizer for vegetables and flowers, with bloom booster added for flowering plants. Most plants should be fertilized after they are established, as they will initially obtain necessary nutrients from the soil.

## House Plants

Most house plants should be started in a south-facing window, under a grow light, or both. Ensure that plant pots have adequate drainage unless otherwise noted. Some plants benefit from a heat mat if indoor temperatures are cooler than indicated on the packet. Eucalyptus, in particular, essentially requires a heat mat when grown indoors.

#### **Seed Storage Guidelines**

For delayed planting, proper storage ensures seed viability. Seeds require cool, dark, and dry conditions. Retain seeds in the food-grade plastic bag provided, place the bag inside a sealed glass jar, and cover with an opaque bag or material to block light. Ideal storage locations include basements or refrigerators. Refrigeration is essential for certain species, including poppies. Under proper conditions, most seeds remain viable for 1-5 years, depending on species.

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