

Wildflowers 101:

When do I plant?

In the Spring you can plant after there is NO chance for frost and the ground temperature is at least 55 degrees.

If there is still a chance for frost then the seeds might start to germinate and grow with warm weather but the seedlings will be killed when the temperature drops below freezing.

How do I plant wildflowers:

You want to remove all of the existing growth so you have bare soil. You want to dilute the seeds with sand, regular sandbox sand, about 10 parts Sand to 1 part Seed.

Simply sprinkle the seeds on top of the bare soil, do not rake or cover them in any way. We recommend splitting the seed into 2 batches and seeding from north to south and then east to west in a checkerboard pattern to ensure even coverage.

You can do this by hand, or with a spreader.

Keep the seeds somewhat moist until they are 5 inches tall, in most places the spring rains are enough moisture. Once established they don't need watering, they are hardy to drought and dry weather.

We recommend mowing the flowers once in the fall after a killing frost to keep the brush down and to help the annuals reseed themselves.

Can I mix and match seeds?

You can mix any seeds together to plant.

Are the seeds Scarified?

Some companies scarify the seeds (scratch the seed hull) to assist in germination. Our seeds are lab tested to have a germination rate of at least 95% and are NOT scarified. This is not necessary but you can choose to do so. Another tip if you are worried, is that you can soak the seeds for a few hours at room temperature.

Are there any fillers in the seed?

NO, our seed is pure 100% wildflower seed. No fillers at all.

For more information including instructions on fall planting please visit:

<http://www.americanmeadows.com/QuickGuideToWildflowers.aspx>

Annuals will bloom the first year from seed and die with the first frost. These might return next year if their seed falls on the ground and germinates. There is no guarantee however that they will return.

Perennials will bloom the second year from seed, the first year they only send up green leaves. Because they return year after year from their roots, they spend the first year building up strong roots and then flower the second year and successive years.

Biennials bloom the second year from seed, and then die with the frost. They might return if their seeds fall on the ground, but there is no guarantee. The first year they just send up leaves the same as perennials.