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Starting Your Wildflower Garden



Site Preparation

Pick a sunny location. Prepare the site early. Clear the area of existing vegetation. Perennial weeds may need control with herbicides.



Pre-Plant Weed Control

If possible, irrigate to pregerminate existing weed seed. If you start early enough, you can irrigate again to kill a second round of weeds.



Soil Preparation

Rake or harrow only the top 1-2 inches. In most cases, you should not amend the soil.



Fertilizing

No additional nitrogen fertilizer is needed. Wildflowers do best if soils have low nitrogen fertility.



Planting

Mix seed with coarse sand or other material to expand the volume and to help in uniform distribution. Broadcast on roughened surface and then rake into the top 1/4 to 1/8" of soil.



Post-Planting Management

Keep surface moist during germination, usually 2 to 4 weeks. Watch and learn plants at a young age so that you can remove the largest offending weeds about once every 3 weeks. Don't worry about little weeds down inside; they probably won't make it.



Enjoy Your Wildflowers!

