

## Planting Guide for your Wildflower Turf Bulb Scatter Mix

Planting your bulbs when laying Wildflower Turf is straight forward and requires very little extra work. Follow our simple instructions to enhance your wildflower area with an array of colour and texture through the seasons.

### When to Plant Bulbs

The bulbs should be planted in the autumn, September through to December, with ideal ground temperatures between 4° C and 8° C.

### Planting Densities

For a naturalised look, we would advise using 20 bulbs per square metre, you may decide you would like to create a more dense look in drifts, for which you would need to plant 50+ bulbs per square metre.

### Bulb Planting whilst laying Wildflower Turf

Planting your bulbs at the same time as laying your turf cuts down on the work involved. The soil should have been prepared following the guidelines for turf laying, banishing all weeds and creating a light tilth.

Define your area of soil and count out the appropriate amount of bulbs. Then from waist height scatter them onto the earth and leave them where they fall. This provides a natural look rather than a symmetrical pattern. The bulbs have been specifically chosen for their size and once scattered on the prepared soil they just need to be covered over with the Wildflower Turf. Cut the turf to size and lay over the bulbs. There is no need to cover with any further soil before laying the turf.

Take care not to damage the bulbs by stepping on them. The turf will require watering for the first two weeks whilst it establishes.



### **Bulb Planting on Established Wildflower Turf**

There are two different methods that can be used dependent on the area you are wanting to plant up. For a smaller area, use a shallow hand held bulb planter, taking a 6cm divot, placing the bulb in and replacing the plug of turf. For a larger area use a motorised turf cutter, taking up a strip of turf, laying down the bulbs in a random pattern and replacing the turf carefully on top.

### **Bulb Planting on an Established Wildflower Roof**

If you are planting on an existing green roof you will need to use a shallow hand held planter, carefully removing a divot at an angle so as not to damage the roof liner, planting the bulb and re-inserting the divot. Again try to keep the pattern as random as possible.

### **Maintenance**

For Spring bulbs, once they have flowered the dead leaf material will wither away and be hidden by the new growth of the wildflower turf. At the end of May you may want to trim the area and take away the clippings to stop the wildflower area becoming too tall. At this time of year, cut down to about 9 -12 inches (20-30cms). However, this is not an essential cut and is not required unless you want to limit the growth of your wildflower meadows. An autumn cut is the only essential maintenance, cutting down to a length of 1-2 inches(3-5 cms). All clippings must be cleared away from the area.

If you have planted summer bulbs to bloom in May- August, you must not cut your wildflower area half way through the season as you will damage the bulb growth.

The bulbs do not require any additional watering.

