



Meadow Sow

PREMIUM WILDFLOWER SEED

Installation Guide - Step by Step

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Top Tips:

Time

Ideal application time is from the start of March to the end of May for a Spring sowing or from the start of August to early October for an Autumn sowing (weather dependent). During the summer, sowing is possible but for optimum sowing follow the recommendations.

Sowing the seed

The seed needs to be installed on a minimum of 100mm of growing medium or topsoil, the deeper the soil the greater the moisture retention, so less irrigation is required.

When sowing wildflower seeds near trees, consider the increased demand for moisture. A minimum 1-meter gap should be left between the wildflowers and the base of the trees. Wildflower seeds require a minimum of 3-4hrs dappled sunlight per day in the height of summer to survive.

Watering

Once installed, water the area thoroughly, for the first couple of weeks (weather dependent) until seeds have germinated and seedlings begin to emerge. Water the area regularly being careful not to overwater as this can impact germination and lead to washing of the seed.

Fertilizer

No fertilizer is needed, before or after sowing the seed as this will encourage grasses and other potential weeds to dominate the area. However, where soil is fertile, particular attention must be paid to maintenance. Please contact Wildflower Turf Ltd for accurate advice.

Maintenance

Spot treatment can be done through manual removal or through spot spraying with herbicides. This can be undertaken at any point in a meadow's lifetime as required to control weed growth

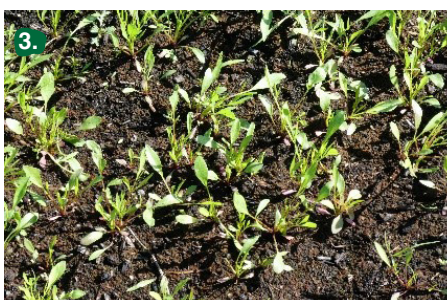
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1. Remove all vegetation until the area is sterile.



2. Rotovate the soil to create a fine tilth in the soil for the seed bed, ensuring large soil clods are broken up.



3. Allow for a green flush of weeds from rotovated soil. Remove newly emerged weeds.



4. Broadcast or shallow drill the seed at the recommended sowing rate. Broadcast for best results, with an option to mix seed with dry for volume and ease of sowing. Mixed results are seen from drilling.



5. Roll seed into the ground to ensure good seed-to-soil contact. Be cautious not to bury seed too deep.



6. Water for several weeks post-installation to maintain adequate moisture levels. Frequency being subject to the weather.

Cutting & Removing

Year 1: If sown in early Spring or Autumn, for the first Spring flowering, keep growth mown down to 20cm through regular cutting every 4 weeks and remove until June to reduce risk of Spring weed ingress. Do not cut lower than 20cm as this adds a risk of too much stress to low flowering species.

From June onwards the area can be left to flower naturally until the end of the flowering season. If sown in summer, the area can be left to grow naturally. Finish the season with final cut and remove to prepare for the winter in late-September to early-October.

Year 2: Leave meadow to grow naturally over the flowering period, spot weed or spray where required, until the end of the season and repeat final cut and remove, ideally using a reciprocating blade to remove bulk height of meadow then utilise a mower (and collector if available) on the highest setting.

Following Years: Minimum 1 full cut and remove* per year at the end of the season with the option of a mid-season high cut and remove* in late-May to early-June which will be useful for addressing high growth or dominant species.