

Five Steps to Fantastic Color

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The best flowers start with a well prepared bed

Most flowers love soft well-drained soils. To turn even the worst dirt into "Super Soil", add organic matter. We have had great success in our own display gardens with tilling in BUMPER CROP. This is a superior organic compost fortified with the right organic nutrients that enriches and loosens any soil. To really have your soil teeming with life-enhancing microbes, we like to add a special compost tea called SOIL SOUP

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Select Well

Sun-loving plants generally do poorly in shade, and shade-loving plants scorch in the sun. Each kind of plant is well marked to determine where it goes best. You usually need 2 or 3 sizes of flowers to give your bed a three dimensional look. Solid blocks of color show better than flower mixes. Think of yourself painting your landscape with a paint brush. Our staff is always there to help you out if you want.

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Plant Carefully

Feed the roots by scattering MASTER START and rake into the soil. This is a high phosphate granular fertilizer that is mixed into the soil that causes the plant to establish quickly. With annual flowers we suggest spreading 2 or 3 inches of bark mulch on your beds before you plant any flowers. When you plant, dip the plant roots into a bucket of ROOTMASTER. This rooting hormone will stimulate new roots and get the plant off to a fast start. Scrape the roots with your fingers to break up the outside roots a bit. With a trowel move the mulch aside slightly and plant the plant and press the soil around the roots. Water thoroughly.

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Tidy your beds on a regular basis

Keep the weeds from getting a good start. It is much easier to remove them when they are small. Mulch will keep 90% of the weeds out. Scattering PREEN on the soil after the flowers are planted will keep many other annual weeds from germinating. Remove dead blossoms when you are in your beds looking for weeds. This is needed only on blossoms that show and seed pods are obvious. Water only as needed by soaking the beds without watering the leaves much. Lots of sprinkler watering on the leaves promotes disease and rotting in the plants. Fertilize every 2 weeks with BUD AND BLOOM for your best flower show.

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Enjoy the compliments of your neighbors and passers-by.

You deserve praise for adding such beauty to the community.