

Forget-Me-Not Planting Guide

About Forget-Me-Not

Forget-me-nots are moderately tall, sprawling wildflowers. The radially symmetrical flowers are typically powder-blue with bright yellow centers, however other varieties include hues of white and pink as well. These blooms are arranged in rounded, divergent clusters along the length of their branches.

When to Plant

You can plant after the threat of frost, but for best results, sow in mid-summer,

Where to Plant

Forget-me-nots prefer shaded conditions, but can do well in the sun. Choose locations where the soil has been well-worked, and has excellent drainage. Amend soil with plenty of organic matter.

How to Plant

Water your bed until the soil is moist, then lightly rake. Scatter seeds by hand onto the bed's surface. Be sure not to water after the seeds have been sown. Cover your seeds with cardboard to block out light and help retain moisture. Wait a few days before lifting the cardboard, then mist the planting area with a nozzle bottle. When soil temperatures are warm, Forget-me-nots will germinate in just a few days.

Caring for Forget-Me-Not

Forget-me-nots enjoy plenty of moisture, but not saturated soil. The plants need to experience a chilling period before being able to produce flowers, which will likely be after their first year. After flowering, the entire plant will die back. If you want plants to return, allow the dead growth to remain until the fall, so it can naturally reseed.