



Foxglove (Digitalis) Planting Guide

About Foxglove

Foxglove is a tall, elegant flower that produces lovely tubular flowers of alternating color. It is particularly cherished by those gardeners looking to add reliable color to moist, shady areas - an environment in which Foxglove, and little else - thrives!

When to Plant

Direct sow after all threat of frost has passed, up to early summer. It can also be started indoors 8-10 weeks before the final frost date.

Where to Plant

Foxglove prefers full sun, but can tolerate partial shade conditions. In warmer climates, partial shade can be preferable. Choose an area with some wind protection, as regular wind exposure can impact the growth pattern.

How to Plant

Moisten soil and hand scatter seeds onto the surface approximately every 12-18", and compress seeds onto the surface. Do not cover the seeds, as they require sunlight in order to germinate. Once seedlings develop 2 or more leaves, thin growth back to every 12-18". Choose rich, loamy, well-draining soil that's slightly acidic - you may wish to amend with organic matter as well.

Caring for Foxglove

After your plants have established, add a layer of mulch in order to aid in retaining moisture. You can leave this mulch overwinter as well to insulate the roots for the following season as well. As a tall-grower, Foxglove will likely need staking. If you want your Foxglove to self sow, be sure not to deadhead your flowers when they're spent.