



## Coneflower Planting Guide

### About Coneflowers

Coneflowers are coarse, rough-hairy, herbaceous perennials that are native to most prairies, meadows, and open woods of the central to southeastern United States. This flower produces blooms that are daisy-like, with attractively drooping petals in a wide range of colors.

### When to Plant

Plant in the late fall, after the frost, or you can start indoors 6-8 weeks before your final frost date (after a period of 8-12 weeks of cold stratification).

### Where to Plant

Coneflowers do best in average, well-drained soil, exposed to full sun conditions. However, they can tolerate partial shade. Soil that is too rich may encourage green growth, but diminish your flowering.

### How to Plant

Broadcast sow your seeds directly onto the surface of the soil, and compress firmly. However, do not cover, as coneflower seeds require sunlight to germinate.

### Caring for Coneflowers

In areas with normal rainfall, manual watering won't be necessary. Coneflower is drought tolerant as well. Typically coneflowers won't need any fertilization, but if flowers are small or not developing well, use a high phosphorus fertilizer. When your coneflower blooms begin to look spent, cut down the plant by 1/3 of its height, which will help re-energize the plant as well as store energy for subsequent seasons.