



Four O'Clock Planting Guide

About Four O'Clock

Four O'Clock's, so named because they typically bloom late in the afternoon, are among the most colorful, fragrant, and robust of all flowers that can be grown from seed. They're very versatile too, as the seeds of the Four O'Clock can be sown directly into the soil or into pots or other containers such as barrels. Plant Four O'Clock seeds in the spring for late summer/early autumn blooms.

When to Plant

Direct sow in the spring, after the threat of frost has passed.

Where to Plant

Four O'Clock's do best in full sun, and can tolerate partial shade, but may grow spindly. They thrive in rich, well-draining, and loamy soil that tests as neutral to slightly acidic in pH.

How to Plant

Nick the seed coating and soak your Four O'Clock seeds overnight the day before planting. Cover seeds with 1/4" of soil, spacing 12" apart. Then thin to 2' apart.

Caring for Four O'Clock

When the plant is still early in its growth, pinch back the main shoot to encourage bushier growth. Four O'Clock's require little maintenance, and simply watering to keep the soil consistently moist. Plants will die back after frost, but will return in the subsequent spring!