



Chinese Houses Planting Guide

About Chinese Houses

Chinese Houses is a charming wildflower that is not as well known as we believe it should be. A native of California, it produces lovely purple and white spires, one stacked on top of the other. Chinese Houses seeds are quite easy to establish, and can be planted in both sun or shade.

When to Plant

Chinese Houses seeds can be directly sown in the late fall, after the first killing frost. Early spring sowing is an option as well, as soon as the soil is workable once the threat of frost has passed.

Where to Plant

Chinese Houses do best in full sun exposure, though they can tolerate partial shade conditions as well. These plants can appreciate rich soil, but Chinese Houses also adapt well to rocky or coarse soil, so long as it's well-draining.

How to Plant

Broadcast sow Chinese Houses seeds directly onto the surface of the soil and firmly compress. Ensure that the seeds are uncovered, however, as they will require sunlight in order to germinate.

Caring for Chinese Houses

Water seeds regularly until they become established, and be sure to remove emerging weeds. Once mature, Chinese Houses still need occasional watering, and are not a drought tolerant variety. Remove spent flowers to encourage the best possible display of blooms for this plant. If allowed to go to seed, this is a strong self-seeder and return the following season.