



Echinacea Planting Guide

About Echinacea

Echinacea, often called purple coneflower, is one of the most popular perennials in the garden. In addition to being beautiful, the flowers can also be used to make an extremely popular herbal tea, purported to help strengthen the immune system. With stems that can reach as high as 5' tall and beautiful, long-lasting purple flowers that are visible from afar, it is easy to see why every gardener would want them in their garden or meadow.

When to Plant

Echinacea roots are ideal for springtime installation, after the threat of frost has passed.

Where to Plant

Echinacea roots do best in full sun, but can tolerate partial shade. They can also tolerate poor and rocky soil, but are sensitive to soil that is overly moist.

How to Plant

Dig a hole roughly twice the size of the root clump. Plant the clump, spreading out the roots, and slowly adding soil until it is even with the top of the roots. Lightly compress the soil along the way, and water deeply.

Caring for Echinacea

You can extend the flowering season of echinacea with deadheading spent flowers. Let plants stand until they completely die back, and cut down once fully dormant.