



Impatiens Planting Guide

About Impatiens

Originating in the southeastern regions of Asia, this beautiful heirloom annual is perfect for container planting or as a border plant in your garden. Impatiens bloom from early summer all the way to the first fall frost.

When to Plant

After the chance of frost has passed, scatter seeds in your garden, or sow seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before the last spring frost.

Where to Plant

Impatiens prefer partial shade but can tolerate full shade. They bloom best in consistently moist, rich soil and can even adapt to clay soil. Impatiens are great for woodland gardens, rain gardens, near ponds and streams, in containers, or as border plants in your garden.

How to Plant

Whether starting your seeds indoors or direct sowing them into your garden, gently press seeds into the top of your soil. Keep seedlings moist until germination, or after 7-10 days. Be gentle when watering, careful not to dislodge seeds from soil. If transplanting, be sure to space seedlings about 8-12" apart.

Caring for Impatiens

If temperatures consistently reach high 80s to 90s (degrees F), impatiens will need watered daily. Impatiens grown in containers may need watered more often, whereas impatiens grown in the garden in a cooler region will need less. As a general rule, make sure the top inch of the soil is consistently moist. Pinch back the stems of young plants to encourage bushiness and branching growth.