



New England Aster

About New England Aster

New England Aster is an unusual wildflower that can grow to heights up to 6 feet and produces beautiful clusters of lavender, purple, and pink flowers. Birds and bees are frequent fliers of New England Aster, but luckily deer have no interest. Like most aster, this one is a late-season bloomer, but certainly worth the wait!

When to Plant

Start seeds indoors about 1 month before your final frost date.

Where to Plant

New England Aster should be planted in slightly acidic soil with good drainage. Look for a spot with full sun in order to ensure the best blooms. Six hours of sunlight or more is your best bet.

How to Plant

Start seeds indoors approximately 1 month before your last frost date. Fill a seed starter vessel (egg carton shells work well) with potting mix and place 1 or 2 seeds in each. Barely cover the seeds and place in a location with indirect sunlight. Ensure the soil is moist, but avoid soggy soil. Once seedlings have developed, thin them out-keeping the strongest. After the threat of frost has passed, acclimate seedlings to the outdoors by placing outside in the sun for several hours a day for a few days. Once the seedlings have been acclimated, transplant them into the ground.

Caring for New England Aster

Under ideal conditions, New England Aster will spread easily, making delightful mass plantings. Maintenance is minimal. Water when rainfall is sparse. In the beginning of summer, you can pinch back stems to promote a bushier growth. Do not pinch back once August comes. Once flowering has finished, and the foliage has died back, cut the asters to the ground.