



About Papaver Orientale

The Oriental Poppy is a beautiful, classic perennial that is an eye-catcher in any garden. Silky, showy flowers are followed by attractive seedpods that keep the show going even after the flowers fade.

When to Plant

Papavers thrive when planted in either the spring or the fall. When planted in the fall, they can establish their roots and get the winter chilling they need to bloom the following spring.

Where to Plant

Plant poppies in full sun. They do well in all types of well-draining soil. Adding 2 to 3 inches of compost, loam or sphagnum peat will help to promote good drainage. Be certain to avoid spots that stay wet or puddle after rain.

How to Plant

Dig a hole that is deep enough to accommodate the long, carrot-like roots- up to 10-12" deep. Shallow planting is often the cause of failure, as is soil that is too wet. When inserted, there should be approximately 3 inches of soil covering the crown.

Caring for Papaver Orientale

Water your plants during dry periods in the spring. After the blooming period has passed, it is not necessary to provide additional water.

Oriental poppies go dormant in the summer, losing their foliage by late June. At the end of the season, leave any new foliage on the plant. After the first hard frost, apply mulch to buffer soil temperature and help prevent the crowns from being heaved out of the soil.