



## Bells of Ireland Planting Guide

### About Bells of Ireland

Bells of Ireland is an unusual flower, with green bell-shaped sheaths surrounding tiny white flowers, and is perfect for cut flower arrangements or for drying. Though technically an annual, Bells of Ireland is typically a vigorous re-seeder that can usually be relied upon for years of successive bloom.

### When to Plant

While you may start seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost, it is highly recommended to directly sow your Bells of Ireland seeds into your outdoor garden in early spring when soil is 50-60 degrees F.

### Where to Plant

Choose an area that receives full sun to partial shade. Average garden soil is best, but avoid water-logged areas or those that are excessively dry. It's best to blend in some compost to your planting area before sowing seeds.

### How to Plant

Sow seeds directly onto the surface of the soil, and firmly compress. Do not cover the seeds, as Bells of Ireland require sunlight in order to germinate. Germination will take place in approximately 21-25 days. If starting indoors, wait until the plant is a good size and avoid transplanting more than once.

### Caring for Bells of Ireland

Keep plants consistently moist with about 1" of water per week. After seedlings are established, thin each group to the strongest plant. Bells of Ireland in shady or windy locations may be prone to flopping and will need staking.