

# Alliums



## *Do's*

- Scatter plant them throughout existing planting, don't plant in clumps
  - Plant varieties which are tried and tested, we only grow a few types which thrive in the wetter North of England
  - Plant in the Autumn or Spring as bulbs or as pot grown plants
  - Repeat a single variety to give impact along herbaceous borders and flower beds, great for early interest
  - Trim the leaves back once they turn brown before they flower. Trim back to where the foliage is healthy and green
- Over water them, once they're planted just leave them be, water if they are in pots and containers
  - Cut the flower stems off too early, wait until they turn brown
  - Forget to keep the flower stems for dried flowers later on
  - Leave them to their own devices, feed them after flowering with Vitax Q4 or Tomato food
  - Plant them at the back of a bed, front and middle creates the best effect
  - Plant them in shade, half a day of sun is minimum

## *Don'ts*

*"Be like a flower, turn your face to the sun"*



# How to succeed



## PICK YOUR PLACE

Have a think about where you lacked a bit of Spring colour. Look at the size of the bed and start with a few, or go for it and plant en-mass. You can always mix 2 varieties a shorter one with a taller one



## CHOOSE THE VARIETIES

There's a few to choose from and at the nursery we only grow varieties which we know will thrive in the north of England in our wetter climate so the choice comes down to colour preference and flowering height



## PREPARE AND PLANT

Now you've chosen your varieties prepare the planting hole by digging it over well and mix in some organic matter. Allium bulbs want to have 4 inches of cover and plant potted bulbs the same level as the pot



## TRIM AND FEED

Trim the leaves back when they turn brown. After your Alliums have flowered let the stems turn brown and then it is the time to cut them down, apply a high potash liquid feed



## ALLIUM PURPLE RAIN

The best of the purple varieties growing to 3 feet tall with many medium sized flowers. Thin it out in its third year and a great variety to plant below Allium Mt Everest



## ALLIUM CHRISTOPHII

A late flowering variety with the largest heads of silvery purple flowers. Growing to 2 feet tall and a good variety for dried flower stems for using in the Winter months



## ALLIUM MT EVEREST

The best white variety with tall slender stems flowering later on in May. Great for planting amongst a white flower scheme or amongst a border of mixed perennials, 4ft tall



## ALLIUM GLOBEMASTER

A good tall purple variety growing to 4 feet tall with large dense flower heads. Thick strong stems and flowers at the end of May. Looks great planting amongst Alchemilla



*We Only Grow Alliums which Grow in The North...*