

# Perfect Perennials



## Do's

- Choose the right perennials for your aspect, e.g sun lovers in sun or shady perennials for shade
- Dig over the soil mixing in organic matter when planting for strong roots
- Plant different perennials together to get colour seamlessly from Spring through into Autumn
- Mix your heights up to add drama
- Divide and replant perennials every 3 years to encourage free flowering
- Trim off old flowers as this encourages more flowers to be produced

## Don'ts

- Plant invasive varieties as they can take over your flower bed, we only grow and sell well behaved varieties at the nursery
- Cut all of them back in Autumn, leave some for hibernating insects to live in
- Forget to feed them. Vitax Q4 is great in the Spring or Tomato Food after cutting off old blooms to encourage more flowers later on in the Summer
- Forget to think about your colour contrasts and combinations
- Just plant randomly, plan your variety choices to give seasonal colour

*"Flowers lift the spirit and refresh the soul"*

# Where to start?



## SUN, SHADE WET OR DRY?

Think about where you want to grow them. There's a plant for every place but it's key to get the right plant choice based on your aspect and soil to ensure success



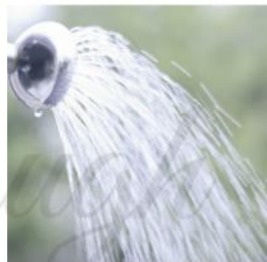
## PREPARE THE SOIL

Dig over the soil well and mix in some organic matter, either rotted down compost, well rotted manure or mushroom compost are all perfect. This will feed the roots and help your plants root system thrive



## TIME TO PLANT

Make sure your plants are watered before planting and water well if needed, then you're ready to plant. Dig a hole twice the diameter of the pot, plant it level with the surrounding soil and firm in well



## WATERING

Give them a good watering in once you've planted them all and keep an eye on them over the coming weeks until their roots establish. Feel the soil before you water so not to over water. Bark helps keep the moisture in



## LET THEM GROW

Now the fun bit letting them grow and waiting for them to burst into bloom. Don't be worried if your combinations aren't quite right you can move them around later on



## TO FLOWER OR TO SEED?

After perennials flower some of them will try and produce seed or if you trim the old flowers off more often than not you will get repeat blooms later on. Liquid feed as well



## FEEDING

Liquid feed perennials with Tomato food every 2 weeks from May - August to encourage more flowers. In March feed with Vitax Q4. Other feeds are too high in nitrogen promoting leggy leafy growth



## DIVIDE AND REPLANT

Every 3 years dig up and divide most perennials. This will encourage them to flower more. Discard old woody growth from the middle and plant pieces from around the edge

