

## How to Prepare Your Soil

To prepare a bed or container for planting annuals, you must first look at the soil you are planting in. It is a good idea to add compost or fertilizer before planting and after as needed. It is also important that your soil be well-drained, as most annuals will not respond well to being too moist. When planting in containers, use the Home & Garden Excellence Planter Box Mix for best results.

## What Annuals Should You Select

It is important that you choose the appropriate varieties for the exposure of your garden or planters. Some annuals require full sun while others require full shade and it is key to plant these annuals in the appropriate environment.

## The Correct Time to Plant Annuals

When deciding when to plant your annuals, remember that most are quite tender, meaning they will not perform well at temperatures close to freezing. A general rule for safe planting of your tender annuals is after the May Long weekend.

## How Much Water Do Annuals Need

It is important to water your annuals on a frequent basis. They will generally need to be watered 2-3 few times per week, but this can increase to every day during the heat of summer. Remember, you also do not want to overwater, as this can be more harmful than not enough water.

## How to Fertilize Your Annuals

To ensure an abundance of flowers throughout the season, fertilize your annuals once a week with Home & Garden Excellence Annual & Perennial Food (14-14-16) or Miracle Gro Bloom Boost as well as a granular fertilizer at the beginning of the season.

## Flowering Annuals for Sun to Partial Sun

	Latin Name	Common Name
	Ageratum	Floss Flower
	Antirrhinum majus	Snapdragon
	Argyranthemum frutescens	Marguerite Daisy
	Bacopa	Bacopa
	Begonia solenia	Solenia Begonias
	Calendula	Pot Marigold
	Calibrachoa	Seaside Petunia
	Celosia	Plumed Cockscomb
	Cleome	Spider Flowers

	<b>Latin Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
	Cosmos	Garden Cosmos
	Cuphea	Mexican Heather
	Dahlia	Garden Dahlia
	Dianthus barbatus	Sweet William
	Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost'	Diamond Frost Euphorbia
	Gazania	Treasure Flower
	Gerbera jamesonii	Gerbera Daisy
	Heliotropium arborescens	Heliotrope
	Lantana	Lantana
	Lathyrus odoratus	Sweet Peas
	Lobularia maritima	Sweet Alyssum
	Nemesia	Cape Snapdragon
	Nicotiana	Tobacco
	Osteospermum	African Daisy
	Pelargonium	Geranium
	Petunia	Petunia
	Portulaca	Moss Rose
	Salvia	Sage
	Sanvitalia	Abert's sanvitalia
	Scaevola	Fan Flowers
	SunPatiens	SunPatiens
	Tagetes	Marigolds
	Tropaeolum	Nasturtium
	Verbena	Verbena
	Zinnia	Zinnia
	Xerochrysum bracteatum	Strawflower

## Flowering Annuals for Partial Shade to Shade

	<b>Latin Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
	Begonia x semperflorens-cultorum	Fibrous Begonia
	Begonia x semperflorens	Wax Leaf Begonia
	Fuschia	Hardy Fuschia
	Impatiens hawkeri	New Guinea Impatiens
	Impatiens walleriana	Garden Impatiens
	Lobelia	Lobelia
	Pansy	Pansy
	Torenia	Wishbone Flower

## Annual Foliage for Sun to Partial Sun

Latin Name	Common Name
Cordyline	Palm Lily
Dichondra	
Dracaena	Dragon Tree
Helichrysum	Curry Plant
Isolepis cernus	Fiber Optic Grass
Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'	Purple Fountain Grass
Phormium	
Plectranthus scutellarioides	Coleus
Senecio cineraria	Dusty Millar
Solanum laxum	Potato Vine

## Annual Foliage for Shade to Partial Shade

Latin Name	Common Name
Carex	
Dracaena	Dragon Tree
Lamiastrum	Yellow archangel
Lysimachia nummularia	Creeping Jenny
Lysimachia nummularia	Coleus
Strobilanthes dyerianus	Persian Shield
Oxalis	Yellow Oxalis

## Annuals that Attract Butterflies and Hummingbirds

Latin Name	Common Name
Ageratum	Floss Flower
Antirrhinum majus	Snapdragon
Calibrachoa	Seaside Petunia
Cosmos	Garden Cosmos
Dianthus barbatus	Sweet William
Helianthus	Sunflowers
Heliotropium	Heliotrope
Lantana	Lantana
Lathyrus odoratus	Sweet Peas
Lobularia maritima	Sweet Alyssum
Petunia	Petunia
Salvia	Sage

	Latin Name	Common Name
	Tagetes	Marigolds
	Tropaeolum	Nasturtium
	Verbena	Verbena
	Zinnia	Zinnia

## Fragrant Annuals

	Latin Name	Common Name
	Dianthus barbatus	Sweet William
	Heliotropium arborescens	Heliotrope
	Lathyrus odoratus	Sweet Peas
		Lobularia
	Lobularia maritima	Sweet Alyssum
	Matthiola incana	Stocks
	Nicotiana	Nicotine Plant
	Petunia	Garden Petunia
		Nasturtium
	Verbena	Verbena

## Drought Tolerant Annuals

	Latin Name	Common Name
	Begonia semperflorens	Wax-leaf Begonia
	Bracteantha	Straw Flower
	Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost'	Diamond Frost Euphorbia
	Gazania	Treasure Flower
	Nasturtium	Indian Cress
	Pelargonium	Geranium
	Portulaca	Moss Rose
	Scaevola aemula	Fan Flower
	Senecio cineraria	Dusty Millar
	Tagetes	Marigolds
	Verbena	Verbena
	Zinnias	Zinnia