

IMPATIENS



Impatiens have always been a favorite for shade among Southern gardeners, and rightly so. There probably isn't a single plant alive that can boast the Impatiens' versatility and flower production in any garden. Impatiens are the perfect plant for adding reliable splashes of color into any sunlight starved flower bed.

PLANTING

The Impatiens' vigor and reliability make it a suitable plant for nearly any location, provided they are protected from any direct afternoon sunlight in hotter inland areas. Horticare recommends using our Potting Soil for container planting and our Planting Mix if you are planting your Impatiens in the ground.

As a rule of thumb, Impatiens should be planted about 12 inches apart, but some of the smaller, dwarf varieties may be planted closer. It is always wise to treat newly planted beds for snails in order for young plants to establish themselves.

FERTILIZING

Fortunately for gardeners, Impatiens don't require a whole lot of fertilizing. We recommend our Flower Food at half strength applied about once a month. Over fertilization will result in fast growing, leggy plants that require more maintenance and pinching.

CARE TIPS

There really isn't much at all to successfully growing Impatiens. If your Impatiens again become overgrown during mid season, cut them back and you should see new growth and flower production within two weeks.

In colder climates, where frost is a threat, it may be necessary to replant your Impatiens each spring. Even in warmer climates, Impatiens generally will only last a few years before they should be replanted. Older plants will still produce a great deal of colorful flowers, but don't maintain the nice compact form of newer planting.

WATERING TIPS

Impatiens enjoy constant moisture, especially in the hotter summer months. Water plant regularly, but avoid letting plants sit in overly soggy soil.

DOUBLE IMPATIENS

In addition to the many color variations and growth habits of regular Impatiens, there are Double Impatiens. These plants are similar in every way except that their blooms are rose-like in

appearance. Although not as vigorous as their single flowered cousins, Double Impatiens make an excellent container planting.

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

These exciting Impatiens hybrids are much larger than common Impatiens. New Guinea Impatiens possess a much larger leaf structure in addition to a significantly bigger flower. In general, New Guinea Impatiens can tolerate a bit more sun than their smaller relative, but still perform best in a shady or filtered light location. New Guinea Impatiens do, however, require about twice the fertilizer of the common bedding variety.