

Planting Instructions

Perennial Mixed Plantings

In temperate areas our perennial mixtures can be planted in frost-free soil from mid-March to the end of October. Summer planting is possible if the soil is watered sufficiently.

The most important precondition for the growth of the perennial mixtures is good soil preparation. Prior to planting, the planting areas must be free of deep-rooted and perennial weeds and must be deeply loosened. It is also recommended to plant the mixtures directly on the day of delivery. If this is not possible, the plant crates can be temporarily stored for a maximum of two days. They should be opened and placed in a protected, semi-shaded area. Make sure to water them sufficiently every day. In hot weather and strong sunshine, we recommend planting in the early morning or evening and watering heavily several times. To help the plants take root in poor soil, we advise preparing the soil with a natural soil additive.

1 To minimise your planting effort, the plants have been premixed and packed in plant crates in our nursery. On delivery, please check the goods for any damage in transit. If you notice any defects or damage, please contact us immediately and send us clear photos showing the damaged material. Then water the plants thoroughly.

2 We deliver the mixtures in numbered plant crates. Take these crates out one after another according to the numbering – crate Mix 1, Mix 2, Mix 3, Mix 4 and then start again. Lay out all the plant pots on the planting area. For the best effect in the finished bed, please keep to the arrangement and order of the plants as prepared in the crates. Do not form any further groups or clusters of species on the planting area, as this would disrupt the planting system. Please keep to the plant density of eight perennials per square metre, which corresponds to a planting distance of 30 – 35 cm. Only remove the plants from their pots immediately before planting.

3 The perennials should be placed with a trowel into the prepared planting holes so that the top of the root ball is level with the soil surface. Then press the soil firmly from all sides. Take care not to damage the plants already set and minimise stepping on the planting area. Water thoroughly after planting (20 l/m²) to ensure fast rooting of the plants and good root-to-soil contact.

Finally, mineral mulching with gravel or stone chippings (grain size 8/16 mm) in a layer three to five centimetres deep has proven to be successful. It can effectively suppress weeds germinating from seed. The mulch can be spread with a shovel just a few days after planting.

The figure shows the uniform distribution of the plants from one plant crate on a rectangular area of 1 × 3 metres. The 24 plants cover 3 m². This corresponds to the plant density of eight plants/m² recommended by us and a planting distance of 30 – 35 cm.

