

The Ever-Changing Beauty of Nature's Wildflowers!



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REAL LIVE PLANTS!

Each piece of our Perennial Wildflower Sod contains dozens and dozens of vigorous, well-established perennial wildflower plants that like at least 4 hours of sun per day.

EASY TO INSTALL!

Our Perennial Wildflower Sod has a biodegradable burlap backing. The 19" x 19" pieces can be laid directly on the ground, and can be easily cut and shaped as needed.

IMMEDIATE COVERAGE!

As soon as it is laid down, Perennial Wildflower Sod provides a lovely ground cover with some plants already blooming. Perfect for any landscape!

COLOR! COLOR! COLOR!

Perennial Wildflower Sod provides an ever-changing sequence of colorful blooms throughout each growing season and adapts year after year to each site.

A LITTLE CARE...

As with any perennial bed, attention to proper installation and maintenance practices will help ensure lovely and colorful wildflowers for many, many years.



Perennial Wildflower Sod

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What is Perennial Wildflower Sod? Perennial Wildflower Sod is a lush mat of living perennial wildflower plants in sod form. The 19" x 19" pieces (2.5 sq. ft.) are about 1.5" thick, weigh about 12 pounds, and show approximately 3" of lovely top growth. Supported by a completely biodegradable burlap backing and new ZeoPro™, a unique slow release fertilizer/soil amendment developed by NASA, Perennial Wildflower Sod pieces are ready to install directly onto well-prepared soil. The plants contained in our Perennial Wildflower Sod do best with at least 4 hours of good sun each day, and they require a cold winter season for proper vernalization. The wildflower sod must be unstacked upon arrival at the site and either installed immediately or laid out and kept moist until the site is ready.

Perennial Wildflower Sod can be installed at any time during the growing season. As with any other perennial bed, ground preparation is crucial. First, kill existing vegetation, thoroughly rototill the area to a depth of 4-6 inches, and amend the soil as needed. Prepare a smooth, loose crumbly soil, and lay out the pieces tight against each other in a staggered pattern, applying firm pressure to each piece. If the slope is steep, sod staples can be used. The sod pieces are easy to cut and shape as desired. Soak the newly-laid sod thoroughly with water; make sure that the ground underneath is wet -- check frequently. For healthier plants, supply the wildflower sod with a balanced fertilizer (e.g. 20-20-20). Installation option: good results can be obtained by separating the pieces somewhat or by plugging smaller pieces. Take care to mulch and overseed the bare spaces, and remember that manual weed control in the spaces is a continuous obligation!

Your Perennial Wildflower Sod will require a little care and attention! For the first 3 to 4 weeks after installation, keep the wildflower sod thoroughly moist (but not soaked, like grass sod); watering should be deep and fairly frequent. After the establishment period, the plants will do well with about 1" of water per week; continue to water deeply but with less frequency. Watch for areas in the installation that are too dry or too wet; adjust irrigation accordingly. Fertilize a few times throughout the season (according to the manufacturer's instructions). Watch for weeds to emerge; pull immediately or spot spray very carefully. In the Fall, the plants should be cut back to a height of 4-6 inches; clean cuts are important. Leave the cuttings in place as a Winter mulch and to increase re-seeding. During the Winter, make sure that the soil does not dry out; some Winter watering might be needed if conditions are sufficiently harsh. In the Spring, lightly clean the area, and begin normal watering and fertilizing practices. Keep in mind that many new seeds are just germinating in the Spring; for a while, the young plants might require more consistent moisture.

Perennial Wildflower Sod will adapt beautifully to each site. With a little help, Perennial Wildflower Sod will provide ever-changing color and interest to the landscape. Lovely changes can be seen throughout the growing season and from year to year. Some of the species in the mix bloom quickly and profusely the first year, though a few of these might fade out after a year or so. Other species seem to be fairly consistent in their blooming habits from season to season, while some species don't even bloom for a year or two (and then only in modest numbers). In general, proper installation and careful maintenance practices will maximize the number of species that actually do compete and thrive over the normal 5-10 year life of the perennial garden. During this time, the user can gain some control over the presentation by encouraging or discouraging re-seeding of certain species (by leaving or removing seed heads after blooming). Overseeding with a carefully-planned seed mix can also be effective. In addition, specific plants (or sections of the sod) can be removed and replaced with plugs of Perennial Wildflower Sod or individual plants.

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Western/Mountain Mix

<u>Species</u>	<u>water</u>	<u>height</u>	<u>flower color</u>	<u>blooming period</u>
Aspen Daisy <i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	adaptable	10 - 24 in.	lavender	Su thru F
Black-eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	adaptable	12 - 36 in.	yellow	Su thru early F
Blue Flax <i>Linum perenne lewisii</i>	adaptable	12 - 30 in.	blue	Sp thru Su
Blue Sage <i>Salvia farinacea</i>	dry	12 - 24 in.	blue	Sp thru Su
Desert Marigold <i>Baileya multiradiata</i>	dry	12 - 24 in.	yellow	Su thru F
Iceland Poppy <i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	moist	12 - 14 in.	yellow-orange- white	late Sp thru Su
Johnny Jump-up <i>Viola cornuta</i>	adaptable	4 - 8 in.	violet/yellow	Sp thru early Su
Lance-leaved Coreopsis <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> 3/4 dwarf variety	adaptable	18 - 30 in. 12 - 16 in.	yellow	late Sp thru early F
Maiden Pinks <i>Dianthus deltoides</i>	adaptable	6 - 12 in.	pink	Sp thru early Su
Perennial Gaillardia <i>Gaillardia artistata</i>	dry	12 - 24 in.	yellow/red	early Su thru early F
Plains Aster <i>Aster bigelovii</i>	adaptable	24 - 36 in.	Purple	Su
Prairie Aster <i>Aster tanacetifolius</i>	dry	18 - 24 in.	violet	Su thru F
Prairie Coneflower <i>Ratibida columnifera</i> dwarf Mexican Hat	dry	12 - 24 in.	red	early Su thru early F
Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	adaptable	24 - 36 in.	purple	Su
Rocky Mountain Penstemon <i>Penstemon strictus</i>	dry	12 - 30 in.	blue	Su
Shasta Daisy <i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i> dwarf variety	adaptable	12 - 16 in.	white	late Sp thru Su
Showy Evening Primrose <i>Oenothera speciosa</i>	adaptable	10 - 20 in.	white-pink	Sp thru Su
Showy Goldeneye <i>Viguiera multiflora</i>	adaptable	12 - 36 in.	yellow	Su thru F
Siberian Wallflower <i>Cheiranthus allionii</i>	adaptable	10 - 18 in.	orange	Sp thru Su
Tussock Bellflower <i>Campanula carpatica</i>	adaptable	12 - 36 in.	lavender-blue	Su
White Rockcress <i>Arabis alpina</i> (caucasica)	dry	4 - 10 in.	white	Sp thru early Su
White Upland Aster <i>Aster ptarmicoides</i>	dry	18 - 24 in.	white	Su thru F
Wild Lupine <i>Lupinus perennis</i>	adaptable	12 - 24 in.	purple-blue	Sp thru Su