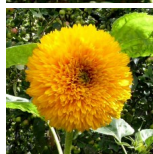


1+1 Sunflower sungold - Desi Seeds



Sunflowers say summer like no other plant. Sunflower packet contains 35 seeds.

Rating: Not Rated Yet

Price

55

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Description

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Sunflowers are annuals with showy, daisylike flower-heads that are usually 2-4 inches across and bright yellow (though occasionally red). Tall and coarse, the plants have creeping or tuberous roots and large, bristly leaves. Today, varieties have even been developed for small spaces and containers.

Most sunflowers are remarkably tough and easy to grow as long as the soil is not waterlogged. Most are heat- and drought-tolerant. They make excellent cut flowers and many are attractive to bees and birds.

Smaller plants with big-time flower power. Striking compact, low-growing sunflower fills vase after beautiful vase with luminous, long-stemmed, brown-eyed, golden flowers. Heavy-branching, floriferous 20-30 feet tall plants will keep your home aglow with joyous blooms.

Common name(s): sunflower, Helianthus (Botanical Name)

Flower colours: Yellow

Bloom time: Summer

Max reachable height: Height: 20-30 inches

Spread: 18-24 inches

Difficulty to grow: Easy to grow

Planting and care

- Sunflowers grow best in locations with the direct sun (6 to 8 hours per day); they prefer long, hot summers to flower well.
- Sunflowers have long tap roots which need to stretch out so the plants prefer well-dug, loose, well-draining soil; in preparing a bed, dig down 2 feet in depth and about 3 feet across to ensure the soil isn't too compact.
- Find a well-drained location, and prepare your soil by digging an area of about 2-3 feet in circumference to a depth of about 2 feet.
- Though they're not too fussy, sunflowers thrive in slightly acidic to somewhat alkaline (pH 6.0 to 7.5).
- Sunflowers are heavy feeders so the soil needs to be nutrient-rich with organic matter or composted (aged) manure. Or, work in a slow release granular fertilizer 8 inches deep into your soil.
- If possible, put seeds in a spot that is sheltered from strong winds, perhaps along with a fence or near a building.

Sunlight: Full Sun, Part Sun

Soil: Find a well-drained location, and prepare your soil by digging an area of about 2-3 feet in circumference to a depth of about 2 feet.

Water: regularly

Temperature: soil temperature :55 to 60 degrees F

Fertilizer: Make sure you have potassium and phosphorus in the soil.

Caring for Sunflower sungold

- Water plants deeply but infrequently to encourage deep rooting. Feed plants only sparingly; over-fertilization can cause stems to break in the fall.
- Tall species and cultivars require support. Bamboo stakes are a good choice for any plant that has a strong, single stem and needs support for a short period of time.

Harvesting

- You can begin to enjoy the bright sunflower blossoms several months after you planted seeds, but you will have to wait another month or so before you can eat sunflower seeds.
- Although the exact timetable varies among cultivars, harvest time usually rolls round toward the end of summer.
- For cut flowers, remove 1 foot or more of stem with the flower and plunge it into hot water immediately to draw out air.
- For edible seeds, you must harvest the flowers after the leaves shrivel but before the seasonal rains.
- The flower heads with 1 to 2 feet of stalk must spend another month hung in a dry, well-aired spot before you extract the seeds.

Typical uses of Sunflower sungold

Special features: Sunflowers say summer like no other plant. American natives, sunflowers are grown for beauty as well as harvested for seed.

Culinary use:

- The edible sunflower seeds can be eaten raw, cooked, roasted, or dried and ground for use in bread or cakes, as a snack.
- Oil can be extracted and used for cooking and soap making.

Ornamental use:

- The flowers can be used to make an all natural dye.
- The stalks are used to make paper and clothes.

Medicinal use: They are a popular, nutritious snack containing a good source of protein, vitamins A, B, and E, calcium, nitrogen, and iron.

Note: Use only after Consulting your Specialist.

References

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Reviews

There are yet no reviews for this product.