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Give Flowering Plants Room To Grow

Crowding is one of the most common mistakes gardeners make in planting summer flowering annuals, says a University of Maryland horticulturist

"Too many plants in a bed result in tall, spindly plants that produce few flowers and are easily damaged by strong winds and heavy rains," explains Francis R. Gouin, Extension ornamental horticulturist.

If you allow growing space, you are more likely to get bushier, more compact plants that are strong enough to support large numbers of flowers

A simple rule says flowering annuals that grow one to four inches tall should be given 16 square inches of growing space (In other words—they should be planted on a 4x4 spacing) Plants that grow four to eight inches tall should be planted on a 6x6 spacing, and plants that grow eight to twelve inches tall need an 8x8 spacing

For taller plants, Gouin recommends an additional inch of space in each direction

Water Flower Beds

If nature supplies an inch of water each week, you will usually not need to add any. But if nature fails to put on this necessary ingredient, you should be prepared to add it.

The most effective method of watering plants is a soaker hose," says Gouin. "A soaker hose is soft plastic tubing with tiny pinholes."

Hand watering is the least desirable method of irrigating a garden, but if you must sprinkle a flower bed, apply the water gently so as not to damage the plants. Large water droplets tend to collect on the plants, bonding them over.

Control Weeds

Weeds will try to take over your flower beds—especially if you let them get a head start. Gouin cautions:

Therefore, it is important that you keep weeds under control from the very beginning. You can keep ahead of the weeds by hoeing each week, but if your time is limited, you could use a mulch to keep the weeds in check.

The mulch will also help con-

serve the moisture during dry periods. For most flower gardens, straw, pine needles, sawdust and even compost may be used, Gouin explains, but if you want an absolutely "weed-free" garden, try planting through a black plastic mulch.

"Lay the plastic over the soil before planting and simply cut an X mark with a sharp knife where you want to plant. Water will also be able to enter the ground through these openings."

After your summer annuals start to bloom, remove all flower heads as they fade, and your garden should continue to be a source of pleasure all summer, Gouin concludes.

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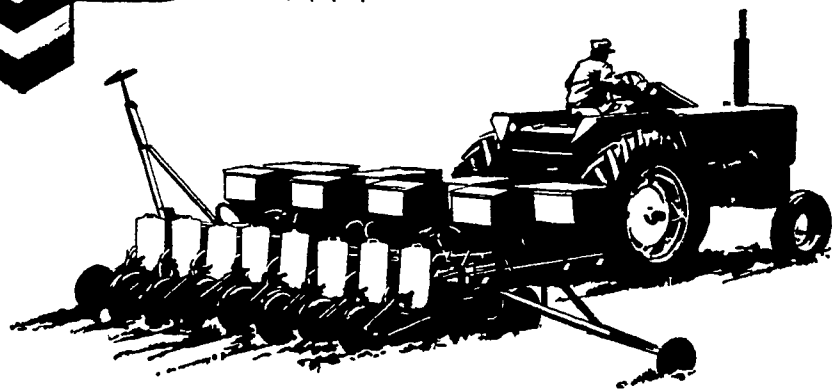
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