WISTERIA SEED ARRIVAL NOTES

1. OPENING YOUR ORDER

Take care when removing your seeds from the box. Seeds are packaged in a plastic bag and are easily damaged if cut with a knife. If the box is damaged, first document the damage thoroughly. Next, contact us ASAP.

2. PREPARING YOUR SEEDS

Seeds require certain conditions to germinate. The process by which seeds are encouraged to germinate is called stratification. Stratification is different for every species, but it fundamentally involves mimicking the conditions of mother nature to encourage the seeds to break dormancy. Wisteria seed requires a warm treatment stratification.

FALL / WINTER / EARLY SPRING

If your order arrives between the fall and early spring seasons, it is necessary to "trick" the seeds into thinking summer is upon them. Soak the seeds in warm tap water for 12-24 hours. Repeat the process on seeds that did not imbibe (absorb enough water). Once soaked, place up to 3 seeds in a 1 gallon container under 1 inch of soil. We recommend using Miracle-Gro ® Performance Organics Container Mix Soil. Place the potted seeds in a south-facing window or other sunny, protected location with consistent temperatures above 55°F. Check the seeds regularly to be sure that the planting medium is moist. The seeds will sprout after 30-60 days. Once they sprout, grow the plants in a container until they have at least two sets of leaves before transplanting the seedlings to their permanent locations.

SPRING / EARLY - MID SUMMER

If your order arrives in either the spring or summer seasons, you can germinate the seeds outside. Soak the seeds in warm tap water for 12-24 hours. Repeat the process on seeds that did not absorb enough water. Once soaked, place up to 3 seeds in a 1 gallon container under 1 inch of soil. We recommend using Miracle-Gro ® Performance Organics Container Mix Soil. Place the potted seeds outside (as long as the temperatures are consistently at or above 55°F). Check the seeds regularly to be sure that the planting medium is moist. The seeds will sprout after 30-60 days. Once they sprout, grow the plants in a container until they have at least two sets of leaves before transplanting the seedlings to their permanent locations.

3. TRANSPLANTING YOUR SEEDLINGS

It is best to transplant your wisteria outside in the spring or summer. Plants must have grown in at least two sets of leaves before transplant. Only transplant if there is at least 45 days before the first expected fall frost. Plant in a well-drained area that receives at least six hours of daily sun. A spot near a fence or trellis will provide some support as the wisteria grows. Dig a hole as deep as the container and 2 feet wide. Set the plant in the hole, making sure the soil line on the stem is even with the surrounding soil. Burying the stem too deeply encourages rot. Be sure to break the soil to the finest consistency possible. We recommend supplementing your soil using Miracle-Gro ® Performance Organics In Ground Soil. Lightly compact the fill dirt. Do not over compact the soil. Water the plant heavily to seal the soil around the roots and remove air pockets. To increase the odds of success, plant your seedlings under cover, in the evening, or on a sufficiently overcast day. Do not fertilize your soil until your plants are established (3-6 weeks). Fertilize according to the recommendation of your local agriculture extension agents or based on your own knowledge and experience. Please do not over water! Saturate the ground only once every 10-14 days.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
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