

## **FLOWERING LAWN PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Measure the area to be planted to determine how much seed you are going to need. Example: Length x Width = Total Square Feet (50 feet long x 20 feet wide = 1000 square feet).
2. Test the soil with a simple pH soil kit to check if your soil is acid or alkaline. If acid (a pH of 6 or less) apply a fast acting dolomite lime at the rate of 50 pounds per 1000 square feet. If alkaline (a pH of 7 or higher) apply a granular gypsum at the rate of 50 lbs per 1,000 square feet.
3. Level the seed bed to eliminate high or low spots. Roll to firm the soil. If your ground is very uneven (holes, tunnels, slopes etc.) and you must till, then till the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches. If you have heavy clay soils, apply a soil amendment such as gypsum, lime, peat moss, or compost at the recommended package rates. Soil should be loose and clod free when properly prepared. This step is not necessary if your lawn is already at a level (pH, compaction, fertility) as you would like it.
4. Apply seed at the recommended seeding rate. We recommend you broadcast or drop spread 1/2 of the seed walking North to South and broadcast or drop spread the other 1/2 of the seed walking East to West. This gives you a nice even spread. You may use a starter fertilizer as per directions on the package. Be careful not to over fertilize as this can kill the new seedlings when they sprout.
5. It is not necessary to cover Flowering Lawn seed when planting. If you choose to cover the seed, do so with peat moss, fluffy top soil, or clean straw (preferably sterilized straw), at a maximum of 1/8 inch thick.
6. Water gently. KEEP SEED MOIST UNTIL GRASS BEGINS TO GROW. Then, decrease water frequency but increase the length of each watering. This helps ensure a deep rooted, vigorous lawn.
7. Do not mow until your lawn is at least 4 inches tall. Be gentle!! These new plants are very tender - avoid sharp turns with your lawn mower.
8. After mowing twice, fertilize with a quality lawn fertilizer. Do not apply weed and feed fertilizers to Flowering Lawn, as this will kill the flowers and clovers in the mix.

## **IMPORTANT TIPS:**

To maintain Flowering Lawn, a mowing height of 3 - 5 inches is recommended. Flowering Lawn should be watered only two to four times a month (depending on location and environmental factors) during the summer. If watered more frequently, the lawn will grow more rapidly and require more mowing. The flower seeds are slower to germinate than the grass component, making it important to keep the seed bed moist until all plants are established.