



WATERING AND CARE GUIDE FOR HEALTHY ANNUAL FLOWERS:

Today we completed your scheduled seasonal annual flower installation. Here are some general guidelines for caring for annual flowers:

- 1. Watering:** Provide adequate water to keep the soil consistently moist but not waterlogged. The frequency of watering will depend on the specific needs of the flowers and the weather conditions. Water deeply and avoid shallow watering, as it promotes shallow root growth.
- 2. Deadheading:** Remove spent flowers by pinching or cutting them off. Deadheading encourages the plants to produce more blooms and prevents energy from being wasted on seed production. It also helps maintain the overall appearance of the flower bed.
- 3. Pruning:** Some annual flowers benefit from occasional pruning to maintain their shape and promote branching. Trim back leggy or overgrown stems to encourage bushier growth and more compact plants. Prune damaged or diseased foliage promptly to prevent the spread of pests or diseases.
- 4. Pest and Disease Control:** Monitor your annual flowers regularly for signs of pests or diseases. If you notice any issues, identify the problem and take appropriate measures. This may include handpicking pests, using organic pest control methods, or applying targeted insecticides or fungicides when necessary. Deep watering promotes downward root growth, enhancing the overall strength and vigor of your lawn.
- 5. Provide Support:** Some annual flowers, such as tall varieties of sunflowers or climbing vines, may require support to prevent them from toppling over. Install stakes, trellises, or cages as needed to provide support and maintain the plants' upright growth.

6. Regular Maintenance: Keep the flower bed tidy by removing weeds and debris regularly. This helps prevent competition for nutrients and reduces the risk of pests and diseases.

7. Fertilization: Use a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer every 4-6 weeks to provide essential nutrients for healthy growth and vibrant blooms. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for application rates and methods.

8. Seasonal Transition: The best time to remove and replace summer annuals with fall/winter annual flowers is typically in late summer to early fall. This timing allows the new plants to establish before the cooler weather sets in, ensuring a seamless transition and continuous color in your garden.

For best plant health care practices and results, consider our comprehensive plant health care program. Schedule a complimentary consultation with our licensed arborist today.

By following these science-based care tips, you will provide optimal conditions for your annual flowers to thrive and bring vibrant color to your garden.

Enjoy your beautiful and flourishing flower bed!



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