



## WILDFLOWER SEED FACT SHEET 2023 KCD Native Plant Sale

### **WILDFLOWER SEEDS**

KCD is offering three types of wildflower seed this year. *The Northwest Wildflower Seed* is a mix of native and non-native annuals and perennials that are well adapted to the Pacific Northwest.

*The Native Pollinator Seed* is a mix of annuals, perennials and bunch grasses that are native to the Pacific Northwest. *Farewell to Spring* is a native annual seed. All three will bloom from spring to late summer or early fall, providing forage for bees, beneficial insects and birds.



### **SITE SELECTION, SOIL PREP AND PLANTING**

Wildflower seeds will grow best in sunny areas with well-drained soils. Thorough site prep (weed removal) and proper planting are the keys to success.

All three can be planted in the spring or fall. If planting in spring, cold stratify the seeds by storing them in a refrigerator for two weeks prior to planting.

Before planting, mix the seed with an inert material, such as sand, to ensure a more even distribution over a large area. Lightly rake the bed, sow the seeds by hand, and tamp down for good seed-to-soil contact. If desired, cover newly seeded areas with a very light layer of weed-free grain straw, or thin straw erosion mats to help hide seed and make it less accessible to birds.

### **MAINTENANCE**

If sowing in spring, keep the bed consistently moist for about 4 to 6 weeks until seedlings are established. Remove weeds as they appear, taking care not to disturb the roots of the emerging perennials and annuals. We recommend leaving the seed heads for birds, but they can be cut back in early spring to make way for new growth.

See the links below for more detailed information on site prep, planting and maintenance:

<https://northwestmeadowscapes.com/pages/planting-advice>

<https://www.xerces.org/publications/guidelines/establishing-pollinator-meadows-from-seed>



Farewell to Spring  
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Wildflower Seed Mix  
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Native Pollinator Seed Mix  
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