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Success with Seedlings

Seedlings are easy & rewarding to grow providing a wonderful display of colour or brilliant fresh vegetables. Here are a few simple tips to success with your seedlings.

1. Before planting new seedlings dig over the soil well. Now is a good time to dig in some cow manure to help replace the organic material lost during previous season.
2. Add some garden lime at the rate of approx. 50-100 grams per square metre. A generous handful is a close enough measurement.
3. Add some complete fertilizer at about 50 g/m square. We use & recommend "Organic Life garden Food" as a safe organic fertilizer containing all the goodies the plants will love & which also promotes healthy growth of soil micro-organisms. These help balance & enrich soils by breaking down organic materials in the soil structure & releasing the nutrients trapped in them.
4. After digging all these materials in it's time to plant your new seedlings. Gently remove the plants from their container & separate them into individual plants. Dig a shallow hole in the prepared garden soil & place the plant into it. Firm the soil gently around the base of the plant.
5. Water them in well.
6. It is essential to place some snail bait around the new plants to protect them from snail & slug attack. Even if you have pets it is now possible to purchase low toxicity snail baits so you no longer need to worry about animal poisoning.
7. As the plants grow it is always a good idea to pinch out the first flower buds that will appear for a couple of weeks to allow them to grow to a better size & promote longer flowering.
8. Keep your new plants moist particularly during hot weather.
9. Fertilize the plants weekly with "Thrive" or "Aquasol" applied with a watering can to encourage bushy growth & plenty of flowers.
10. Sit back & enjoy your display!!!