

KAMPRATH SEED, INC.
MIX ORDER

Species Description: California Poppy

Coverage: 0.6lbs of seed covers 2,000 Sq Feet

Small Shaker Bottle: 0.6lbs of Seed

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The California Poppy, also known as the golden poppy, is the state flower of California. This vibrant annual plant is celebrated for its dazzling orange-yellow blooms that open each morning and close in the evening, creating a stunning display in the wild and in gardens. The leaves are finely dissected and gray-green, adding texture to the landscape. California Poppies thrive in full sun and are highly drought-tolerant, making them an excellent choice for water-wise gardens. They grow to about 12-18 inches tall and can spread out to 12-24 inches wide, producing a carpet of color when planted in groups.

Seeding Instructions for an existing lawn

Selecting a Location:

Choose a sunny spot in your garden that receives full sunlight for at least 6 hours a day. The soil should be well-draining; sandy or loamy soils are ideal.

Preparing the Soil:

Clear the area of weeds and debris.

Lightly till or mix in compost to improve soil structure if necessary; however, California Poppies prefer poor soils, so avoid over-fertilization.

Sowing Seeds:

Plant seeds in the spring (March to May) or in the fall (September to November) for the best results.

Scatter the seeds evenly across the soil surface and lightly press them in, but do not bury them deep; they need light to germinate. A good rule of thumb is to plant them 1/8 inch deep.

Watering:

Water the area gently after planting to help settle the seeds. Keep the soil moist until germination occurs (approximately 10 to 20 days). After they are established, California Poppies require little water.

Care and Maintenance:

Once established, California Poppies are low-maintenance. Deadhead spent flowers to encourage more blooms and prevent excessive self-seeding if desired. Weed regularly to reduce competition, especially in the early stages of growth.

By following these planting instructions, you can enjoy a burst of color from California Poppies in your garden while also supporting local pollinators.