



Evening Primrose

Work the garden area planned for the evening primrose with a tiller or garden fork to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. Smooth the soil with a garden rake until it is loose and evened out. A surface covering of 2 inches of compost applied over the soil can also serve as a growing medium in some areas. The plant prefers full sun and tolerates dry and poor soil.

Spread the primrose seeds onto the surface of the soil or compost. Use a spacing of about 3 to 6 inches between seeds. Seeding can take place anytime of the year except winter; however, spring planting results in a chance that the plants will bloom in the same season. As the plant germinates during conditions ranging from spring to summer or even fall, it is tolerant of a wide variety of soil and air temperatures.

Rake the ground to incorporate the seeds into the soil. Seeds will germinate in about three weeks.

Thin seedlings to one plant per every 7 inches by removing any weak or less viable plants once the plants have reached the height of 2 or 3 inches.

Pinch the top tips of the plant. This involves removing the tip of plant. This causes the plant to bush out, creating more side stems and leaves rather than growing taller. Under ideal locations the plant may bloom about two months after planting.

Water the plant when it shows signs of stress, such as drying or curling leaves. The Innocence evening primrose is classified as a low water requirement plant and sometimes used as a ground cover in xeriscape landscapes. The plant also thrives in poor soil conditions, so fertilization and mulch are seldom required.

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