

Aster Seeds

- Zone 6-10
- Sun Full Sun, Part Shade
 - Height 2'-3'
- Spread 18-24 inches
- Soil Types Well-Drained
- Growth Rate Medium
- Planting Time Spring
- Life Cycle Perennial

Aster flowers (*Aster* spp.) add color to the autumn landscape while offering beauty with little work when caring for asters. Growing asters often bloom in late summer and fall, but the Alpine aster offers blooms in spring. Learning how to grow Aster is easy and rewarding when the star shaped flowers bloom in the landscape.

How to grow Aster Seed

Growing asters is a simple garden chore. They may be started from seed in spring, but are most often purchased as a potted plant. Plant into a full sun to part sun location in loamy, well-draining soil. Keep new plantings moist and continue watering until blooms cease.

Appropriate care of aster includes watering at the base and not splashing the foliage. Getting water or fertilizer on the leaves encourages powdery mildew and other fungal diseases. Organic mulch can hold in moisture and supply nutrients as it breaks down. Apply within a few inches of aster stems, but not against them. Fertilize growing asters with a balanced plant food about once a month.

Asters need little in the way of maintenance. Care of asters may include deadheading for more blooms and occasionally includes controlling powdery mildew. This disease is most easily prevented by autumn or spring division of aster flowers, with the middle clump removed and discarded.