

Green Thumb Nursery

Caring for Annuals and Perennials

Fertilize every 6-8 weeks with Fertilome Premium Bedding Food.

Annuals are divided into two groups. Cool season annuals usually experience die back in the summer heat and warm season annuals can take the summer heat but generally die back during the winter. Perennial plants will usually stay alive from year to year even if there is some damage to the plant from freezing temperatures.

Annuals and perennials grow best in soil that has some organic matter which helps retain nutrients and moisture. Mulching with 2 to 3 inches of bark or pine needles will give the bed a finished look and help reduce weeds. Remove the older flowers to encourage new blooms to form and keep plants more compact. Check your plants weekly concentrating on the underside of the leaves. Frequent monitoring can help you spot any potential problems. The soft tender new growth can sometimes be a target for aphids or caterpillars. We have both organic and biological insecticides to treat pests. If you are unsure what is causing your plant to become unhealthy, bring in a sample branch and we can help you diagnose and treat the problem.



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