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# Wildflowers by Seed

1. Choose a sunny, well-drained area.
2. Remove existing vegetation, or mow as short as possible. Remove clippings. Seeds must make contact with soil surface in order to germinate and grow. Lawn grass may need to be removed by digging or herbicide.
3. Loosen soil surface with a garden rake or drag a log behind a tractor to rough up the soil and turf.
4. Water the seedbed, if possible.
5. To aid in even distribution, mix 4 parts sand, topsoil or potting soil to 1 part seed.
6. Hand-broadcast and lightly rake over the area to establish soil/seed contact, or walk gently over the seedbed to make sure seeds are in good contact with soil.
7. If possible, water gently but thoroughly whenever seedbed looks dry—do not allow soil to crack or to remain excessively wet.
8. To promote reseeding, wait at least two weeks after the full bloom period has passed before mowing so that the seeds have time to mature. Mow area to a height of 4-6 inches. Annual mowing aids in seed dispersal, reduces competition from weeds and allows sunlight to reach seedlings.

