**Quick Reference Planting Guide**

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<th>** LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE</th>
<th>Full sun.</th>
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<td>** USDA HARDINESS ZONES</td>
<td>5 to 9.</td>
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<td>** PLANT TYPE</td>
<td>Perennial.</td>
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<td>** PLANTING DISTANCE IN-GROUND</td>
<td>At least 12 inches apart.</td>
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<td>** CONTAINER SIZE</td>
<td>One plant per 12-inch or larger container.</td>
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<td>** MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD</td>
<td>12 to 14 inches tall with a 10 to 12 inch spread.</td>
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<td>** BLOOM TIME</td>
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<td>** TIME TO REACH MATURITY</td>
<td>12 months.</td>
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<td>** FACTS OF NOTE</td>
<td>Deer resistant.</td>
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<td>Attracts pollinators.</td>
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<td>Great for butterfly gardens and patio planters.</td>
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**SOIL PREPARATION**

We recommend having your soil tested periodically by your local County Extension Office (www.nifa.usda.gov/extension or by calling 1-800-333-4636). A soil test can determine if your soil needs any amendments to enhance the growth and performance of your plants.

Ideal garden soil is easy to dig in and drains well while still holding the nutrients and water vital to plant growth. To prepare a bed for in-ground planting, spade or till the soil to a depth of roughly 12-18 inches. Next, spread a 2-4 inch layer of organic matter such as compost, shredded leaves or peat moss over the soil and mix well.

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In case of ingestion contact a poison control center immediately.

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PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Important: Thoroughly hydrate the plant by submerging the root zone in a container of water for 10 minutes while you prepare for planting.

1. Remove and discard the clear plastic bag from around the pot.
2. After watering, remove the pot by holding the plant upside down in one hand and squeezing the sides of the pot with the other.
3. Prepare the root ball for planting by gently disturbing the surface roots with your fingers, fork, or gardening tool and pruning any damaged roots. This will encourage the roots to begin growing outward into the new soil.
4. Dig a hole twice as deep and twice as wide as the plant’s root ball. Partially backfill the hole with soil and place the plant into the hole. The top of the root ball should be level with the ground surrounding the hole. Refill the hole with soil, firming the soil around the plant with your fingers. Check to be sure the plant is not planted too deeply. If it is, raise the plant carefully and re-firm the soil.
5. Water thoroughly.

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CONTINUING CARE

Adequate and consistent watering is essential during your plant’s first year in the garden. Infrequent, long soakings of water that thoroughly saturate the soil are more effective than frequent, light applications of water.

Due to variable geographical and environmental conditions, a specific watering schedule is difficult to define. However, as a rule of thumb, you should not allow the soil or the original root ball to completely dry out. During the first summer, you may need to water as often as every few days in periods of drought and extreme summer heat. To determine if your plant needs water, dig a few inches into the soil next to the plant. If the soil is dry 2-3 inches below the surface, it is time to water.

Overwatering can be as damaging as under watering. Be sure that the area surrounding your plant has adequate drainage to move water away from the plant. If you choose to plant in a container, always select one with drainage holes to prevent your plant’s roots from sitting in water.

Feed your plants once every 2-3 weeks during the growing season with a water-soluble fertilizer. Discontinue feeding after September 1st so your plants can harden off for winter dormancy. Resume fertilizing when new growth appears in spring.

Pruning: Remove spent flowers as blooms fade to promote heavier reblooming. Clip off any dead, damaged or unsightly growth as needed to maintain an attractive appearance. Cut each plant down to its basal leaves after it has finished flowering in fall. New growth will emerge in spring as temperatures rise.

Dividing: Dividing perennials encourages them to grow and bloom more vigorously and promotes plant health. Divide scabiosa in early spring by digging up a mature, 3-4 year old clump. Cut the plant with a shovel or sharp tool, making sure each division has plenty of roots. Plant the divisions back in the garden and water well.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can scabiosa tolerate heat and drought?
Yes, scabiosa is a resilient plant that tolerates both heat and drought once established. To ensure your plants become well-established in your garden, keep them well-watered during the first season after planting.

What are some good uses for scabiosa?
Scabiosa is great for planting in perennial borders, mixed beds, butterfly gardens and cutting gardens. It is also excellent for window boxes or decorative pots on the patio.