

BED PREPARATION

- 1 Clear surface / Remove weed growth – Slice off with sharp spade
- 1 Fork over in clods – add Lime to help loosen / break down
- 1 Water or wait for rain / frost / wind to weather / soak
- 1 When drier but still moist, tread down clods to lumps
- 1 Add concentrated fertilisers and bulky organic matter (if required)
- 1 Fork and tread to break down lumps and distribute organic matter

SEEDBED PREPARATION

- △ Rake stones off surface – at right angle – crossways or diagonally
- △ Turn whole bed with spade removing stones / roots etc.
- △ Break lumps down to powder with back of spade and by treading
- △ Tread bed flat, feet skating or gliding
- △ Rake surface as before to clear stones and lumps
- △ Rake deeply, pushing down into the soil, in line with rows

SOWING SEED

- X Establish straight lines parallel to bed edge with hoe or line
- X Flatten soil along in furrows, moving soil either side and clearing stones
- X Hoe along row deeper with angled blade to remove stones under drill
- X Shape drill within furrow, thin and shallow or wide and deep,
- X Sow seed – half all along then rest on return for equal distribution
- X Cover with fine soil drawn in from edge of furrow, at least twice as deep as the seed is long relative to the size of seed and vigour of seedling
- X Level off soil along the drill
- X Water gently with a rose twice, especially along rows or even over whole bed including ridges between rows to settle soil

TRANSPLANTING (assuming adequate soil preparation)

- . Lift seedlings with soil around their roots – moisten / water before
- . Handle root-ball or outer leaves rather than stem
- . Clear stones away from planting area, create a concave dip
- . Break up soil for hole – thrusting trowel in horizontally to vertically
- . Lift soil out of hole, distributing evenly in a circle around hole
- . Make hole twice as deep and wide as the plant requires immediately
- . Place (suspend) the plant at right height in the centre of the hole
- . Bring in loose soil from outside hole in circular motion
- . Shape soil to earth up stem and form a moat around plant
- . Firm in around plant with fingers or knuckles
- . Water twice by filling moat and allowing water to soak in or fists or feet

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