



New England Aster (*Symphotricum novae-angliae*)

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The New England Aster is a tall native wildflower which flowers late in the season with pops of fall colors. It can grow up to 7' tall and may require staking or support. New England Aster is great for border plants, pollinator gardens, and rain gardens. Blooms range from pale pink to purple and make great cut flowers.

Type	Perennial
Hardiness Zone	4 - 8
Sun	Full sun, part shade
Bloom Time	August - October
Height	3' - 7'
Spread	2' - 4'
Tolerance	Drought tolerant; tolerates clay soil
Attracts	Bees, birds, and butterflies
Additional Features	Deer resistant; rabbit resistant

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: well-drained soil
- Soil pH: acid, alkaline, neutral
- Type: moist, loamy, clay, high organic matter

Planting Recommendations

- Type: seed, division, or separation; may self-seed
- When to plant: spring
- Depth of planting: start indoors during winter 1" deep in pots, need 4 - 6 weeks to simulate winter dormancy to kickstart germination
- Mulching: mulch to keep soil cool
- Spacing: 1' - 3'
- Spread: 2' - 4'
- Division/transplant tips: divide in spring



Maintenance

- Watering: moderate
- Fertilization: add thin layer of compost or fertilizer under mulch in spring
- Pinching/deadheading: pinch early in the season to produce bushier plants; cutting back after flowering will prevent self-seeding.
- Annual maintenance: taller varieties may require staking, cut back plants after flowering

Common Problems

Disease: powdery mildew occasionally; Aster wilt on poorly drained soil

Insects: aphids, slugs, nematodes

Resources

<http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/homegardening/scened928.html>

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/symphyotrichum-novae-angliae/>

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/symphyotrichum-cordifolium/>

Questions or problems: What's wrong with my plant for information on garden pests and diseases:

<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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