

LAKE VALLEY S E E D

Get Growing Guide

Thank you for purchasing Lake Valley Seed!

Here at Lake Valley Seed, we are steadfast in our adherence to meeting federally required germination standards. The germination rate for each of our varieties is tested by an independent laboratory every six months. Seeds with a failing germination are destroyed before ever leaving our warehouse.

That is our promise to you.

We are passionate about the seeds we sell and take great care in their handling. We hope that you take into consideration these best practices for greatest seed starting success.

Starting Seed Indoors

- Store seeds in a dry, room temperature location out of direct sunlight until you are ready to plant them.
- Always use fresh, clean seed starting mix. Soils containing large particulate, like potting soil, can impede the growth of new seedlings.
- Wet soil and mix well to an evenly moist consistency before filling seed starting containers. Soil should be lightly moist throughout, like a wrung-out sponge.
- Be sure to refer to the sowing direction on the back of the packet for the specific requirements of each variety.
- Place seed starting units in a well-lit area, while keeping in mind that direct sunlight may cause soil to dry quickly.
- Consider using a humidity dome to help retain soil moisture. Using a drip tray may also be beneficial in keeping soil moist and allowing you to water from the bottom.
- Watering from the bottom helps to keep your plants from direct contact with water. Direct contact with water and over watering can introduce mold and bacteria to your seedlings, leading to damping off and seedling death.
- Once most of your seedlings have sprouted, remove the humidity dome if you are using one.
- As a general rule, once your seedlings have formed 4 true leaves, they are ready to be transplanted.

Direct Sowing Outdoors

- Ensure that the ground soil has warmed to the appropriate temperature for the seed you are sowing.
- Choose an area to plant your seeds that is appropriate for the variety you are growing and free of weeds.
- Refer to the back of the seed packet for specific sowing requirements for each variety of seed.
- Keep new seeds evenly moist. Drip lines are a great way to keep watering consistent and avoid direct contact between water and your seedling, which can introduce mold and bacteria, leading to damping off and seedling death.

