

## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE	Full to part sun.
USDA HARDINESS ZONES	Not winter hardy. Will thrive from spring to fall in all zones.
PLANT TYPE	Annual.
PLANTING DISTANCE IN-GROUND	At least 18 inches apart.
CONTAINER SIZE	One plant per 12-inch or larger container.
MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD	12 to 30 inches tall with a similar spread.
BLOOM TIME	Summer to frost.
TIME TO REACH MATURITY	SunPatiens® begin blooming shortly after planting and will reach their mature size within 8 weeks.
FACTS OF NOTE	Sun loving and heat tolerant. Long bloom period. Great for containers, hanging baskets or in-ground planting.

## SOIL PREPARATION

We recommend having your soil tested periodically by your local County Extension Office ([www.nifa.usda.gov/extension](http://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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**Caution: Do not assume any plant is safe to eat. Only parts of plants expressly grown to be eaten should be considered edible. As with any product that is not food, care should be taken to make sure that small children and pets do not ingest any part of a plant that is not expressly grown to be eaten.**

Unless specifically stated, this product is intended for ornamental horticultural use only and is not intended for consumption or ingestion by humans or pets. Most plants are harmless but some contain toxic substances which can cause adverse health effects. Furthermore, some individuals and some animals are sensitive or allergic to certain plants and precautions should be taken to limit or avoid physical contact with particular plants. Some plants have thorns or spines that can be painful if handled.

**In case of ingestion contact a poison control center immediately.  
1-800-222-1222**

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## OUT OF THE BOX

### SUNPATIENS®

Your plants have been shipped to you in pots. Please remove the plants from the packaging right away and plant them as soon as possible following the planting instructions below. If it is not possible to plant them right away, follow these important steps:

1. Roll the plastic down around each plant and place them in a sunny location.
2. Keep the plants well watered.

**Note:** Some leaves may appear wilted or yellow upon arrival. This is due to the stress of shipping and is nothing to worry about. Water the plant and let it recover for few days, then gently remove any foliage that does not recover to allow for new growth.



## VARIETAL INFORMATION

- Apricot Blush:** coral-orange blooms.
- Bella Grape:** purple blooms.
- Bright Lites:** white blooms.
- Candy Kisses:** light pink with dark accents.
- Cherry Bomb:** red blooms.
- Cotton Candy:** hot pink blooms.
- Electric Orange:** vivid orange blooms.
- First Kiss:** pastel pink blooms with red centers.
- Flamingo Pink:** magenta-pink blooms.
- Lavender Lipstick:** lavender blooms.
- Merlot Magic:** magenta-burgundy blooms.
- Neon Rose:** bright pink blooms.
- Orchid Crush:** soft lavender blooms.
- Paradise Pink:** pink blooms.
- Pink Lightning:** hot pink blooms and variegated foliage.
- Princess Pink:** soft pink blooms.
- Spreading Corona:** orange-red blooms.
- Tangerine Dream:** orange blooms.
- Tickled Pink:** light pink blooms.
- Tropical Orange:** orange blooms and variegated foliage.

## PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

**Important:** Thoroughly hydrate the plant by submersing 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.

## CONTINUING CARE

### WATERING

Adequate and consistent watering is essential for your plants. 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 periods of drought or extreme summer heat, you may need to water as often as every day. 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.

## CONTINUING CARE (Continued)

### MULCHING

Apply a 2-4 inch layer of shredded bark, compost, leaves, straw or other organic matter around your plants to promote moisture retention, maintain even soil temperatures and discourage weed growth. Replenish the mulch as needed.

### WEEDING

Keep the area around your plants free of weeds. Weeds compete with surrounding plants for food, water and light. Walk around the garden periodically and pull weeds, including the roots, as soon as you see them.

### PRUNING

SunPatien® that have a sparse and leggy habit have likely been deprived of sufficient water at some point. They can be rejuvenated by pruning them back to half of their current height. Maintaining a consistent watering schedule will help to keep them looking their best.

SunPatien® naturally shed their spent blossoms and do not need to be deadheaded.

### FEEDING

To maximize the growth and performance of your plants, feed them once every 7 to 10 days during the growing season with a water-soluble fertilizer.

### WINTERIZING

SunPatien® are tender annuals that cannot tolerate any frost or freezing temperatures. In the event of a late spring frost, protect young plants by covering them overnight with a sheet, frost blanket or an inverted bucket or box. Remove any material used to cover the plants the following morning. SunPatien® should be discarded when they have finished flowering at the end of the season.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How are SunPatien® different from regular impatiens?

Unlike regular impatiens, SunPatien® tolerate heat and thrive in full sun. They are also immune to downy mildew, a disease that affects regular impatiens.

### Should I plant my SunPatien® in the ground or in pots?

SunPatien® are versatile plants that can be planted in-ground or in containers. Their compact, upright habit makes them excellent for patio planters.

### Do I need to deadhead?

No. SunPatien® do not need to be deadheaded. However, they may be groomed as needed to maintain an attractive appearance.