

Grow Green Onion in an Ornamental Flower

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Growing Onions

Whether harvested early for scallions (green onions), for summer meals, or winter storage, onions need rich, well-drained soil and good weed control. Tightly spaced green onions fit well in ornamental plantings.



When & How to Plant: Onions can be direct-seeded, grown from transplants started inside, or from sets—small bulbs about 1/2 inch in diameter grown from seed the previous season. Choose a weed-free, well-drained location. Raised beds are ideal. Onions are good for intercropping with other garden plants, especially early-maturing spring greens. Do not plant where other onion family crops have been grown in the past 3 years.

Bulbs— Choose bulbs no larger than 3/4 inch in diameter. Large bulbs are more prone to bolting. Plant sets about 1" deep 2 to 4 weeks before last frost date. Space 4" apart for large bulbs or 2" apart for smaller bulbs.

Maintenance & Care: Onions have shallow root systems and need consistent moisture and good weed control. Water weekly if weather is dry, and mulch to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

Preferred Sunlight: Full Sun.

Preferred Soil Conditions: Well-drained, rich soil, high in organic matter, neutral pH. Requires plentiful, even moisture for good yields.



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Some varieties recommended for New York Include:

From Transplants (not for long term storage)

Ailsa Craig
Bennie's Red
Candy
Red Sweet Spanish
Walla Walla (mild)
White Sweet Spanish

Sets:

Stuttgarter

From Seed (early-maturing)

Arsenal
Early Yellow Globe
Precedent

Green or Bunching:

Evergreen Hardy White
He-Shi-Ko
Long White Bunching
Southport White Bunching

**From Seed or transplants
(long-term storage)**

Duration
Fortress
Mars
Redwing

Source:

**Cornell University, Home Gardening, Vegetable Growing Guides.
For a complete Growing Guide and additional information visit.**

www.gardening.cornell.edu



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