



# *ALLIUM GIGANTEUM*

## **“GIANT ALLIUM”**

What You'll Need:	
Essential Items	Desirable Items
Allium bulbs	T&C Fruit & Flower Food
Bone Meal	Dutch Bulb Food
Soil Enhancer	Bulb Planter



Giant alliums are fun, easy-to-grow flowers that do well in east Idaho. An extremely long lasting cut flower, it easily grows to a height of five feet, and sports a single blossom of five to eight inches in diameter. Planted in the fall and watered in well, it requires little pampering, but following a few easy tips will give you a nicer looking plant and larger blossoms. Alliums will grow in any soil, but will thrive in a slightly sandy to sandy soil that has had some organic matter and bone meal mixed into it. They do exceptionally well if planted in full sun with good drainage. They don't need a lot of water, but do water them thoroughly during the heat of summer. Don't use overhead sprinklers on them after they bloom as this seems to wash the color out of them. They do well when interplanted with other flowers, but are very poor competitors against grass. Plant the bulbs about one and a half times their own diameter deep in the fall, watch out for them while you are weeding in the spring, and enjoy the spectacular flowers in the summer. Lift and divide the bulbs every three or four years after the foliage has thoroughly dried.

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