



How to Grow Lobelia

Position – Full sun or part shade

Soil – Moist, yet well-drained

Flowering Period – Spring, summer, autumn (dependant on variety)

Hardiness – Hardy to tender (dependant on variety)

About Lobelia

Lobelia are annuals, perennials or shrubs that fashion an abundance of lush green foliage upon thick, green stems and vivid, two lipped open-mouthed blooms. Lobelia are best suited to flower beds and borders within informal, wildlife or coastal garden settings. You should expect to see Lobelia grow to an approximate height of 70cm (28") and a spread of 45cm (18"). **PLEASE NOTE: All parts of this plant, if ingested, will cause severe discomfort.**

How to plant Lobelia

Lobelia are best planted in moist, well-drained and fertile soil of sand, loam, clay and chalk within an acidic, alkaline or neutral PH balance. They will thrive in a position of full sun but will equally grow to optimum health if planted in an area of part shade. Dig a hole that will accommodate the depth and width of the root ball and insert into the ground, back filling the area with native soil. Water Lobelia deeply and thoroughly after planting as this will encourage a healthy root system.

How to care for Lobelia

Once established, these plants will require little attention. They will however need regular watering during periods of drought. You may wish to apply a balanced liquid fertiliser every fortnight until midsummer. During winter, protect Lobelia with a thick and dry layer of mulch. Whilst the plants are young, pinch back the tips to keep the plants bushy and cut back by a ½ after the first major flowering.

How to propagate Lobelia

It is possible to propagate Lobelia by dividing large clumps of plants every other year – this should be undertaken during the spring time.