

## CULTURE ADVICE

### Verbena

<b>Description:</b>	Verbena Vera varieties are especially tolerant to mildew, and they are flat and compact in growth. Can be used in many ways in sunny places: in balcony flower boxes, as an attractive hanging basket plant of a dense, closed growth character, or as ground cover (forms nice, almost treadfast flower carpets); combine beautifully with other bed and balcony plants! <b>Consumer tip:</b> Keep evenly moist in summer and feed regularly with a fertilizer (moderate to strong nutrient consumption)! Old, dead flowers should be removed from time to time.
<b>Potting:</b>	11 - 12 cm pots; 34 - 25 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ; weeks 4 - 12
<b>Substrate:</b>	Substrate of type 2 (with a clay portion is of advantage) pH 5.2 - 6.5
<b>Fertilization:</b>	Very consumptive, application of 0.15 - 0.3 % complete fertilizer once or twice a week.
<b>Temperature:</b>	Start at 16 - 18 °C, finish cultivation at 12 -16 °C. Low temperatures are easily tolerated.
<b>Light:</b>	Full light, no shadow.
<b>Flowering:</b>	From mid-April/end of April depending on light conditions.
<b>Growth regulators:</b>	Normally, growth regulation is not necessary. Topflor 0.1 %, Cycocel 720 0.15 - 0.25 %; Caramba 0.05 % - 0.1 %. <b>Caution!</b> Regalis may cause burning. Take into account the compressive effect when Tilt (0.05 %) is applied.
<b>Pinching:</b>	Pinching is not absolutely necessary. However, if branching is not satisfactory, some trimming or shaping is recommended to get a better plant build-up.
<b>Diseases / pest:</b>	Plant lice, miner fly, thrips; take hygienic measures! Botrytis if cultivated too closely.

Water balance is of importance; the plants must not stand too wet, danger of botrytis, damage to roots and irregular plant build-up are the consequences.

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