

# Grower's Facts

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## **G**eranium

Pelargonium zonale  
Maverick™ Appleblossom F1

**PLANTATION:** Sow the seeds 8-10 weeks before the last frost. Keep the temperature around 23 °C. Germination time is between 5-7 days. Cover the seeds with a thin layer of vermiculite to maintain moisture levels. Light is not necessary for germination. Young plants sometimes need to be pinched to promote branching.

**SOIL: Indoor:** A well-drained, porous sowing media is best to prevent overwatering.

**Outdoor:** Moist soil.

### **PLANTING:**

**Step 1:** plow the soil about 30 cm (12 inches). Add an equal part of potting soil and mix well. Dig a hole approximately the same length as the container and about 1 ½ to 3 times the width.

**Step 2:** slightly squeeze the container, tap out the plant, and delicately free the roots. If the roots are too dense, liberate the fibers by inserting a knife or a transplanter. Separate the roots carefully, and then place in the hole.

\* **Good to know:** Use an organic bone meal or a «soil activator» when transplanting to stimulate root development. Follow the instructions for use on the package.

Fill up the hole with garden soil. Slightly press the soil around the base of the plant to favor the contact between the roots and the soil. Water regularly every 2 or 3 days until the soil is well compacted.

**Note:** Pelargonium appreciates heat and direct sunlight. It is therefore exposed to the south or southwest sun. It is very drought tolerant but grows and flowers much more with regular watering. It is therefore necessary to water your geranium planters each time the surface of the substrate is dry on 1 or 2 centimeters.