

Grower's Facts

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Rice

Oryza sativa Black Madras

PLANTATION: Sow the seeds 4 weeks before the last frost. Keep the temperature around 20-24 °C. Germination time is around 7-14 days.

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: This star plant can be grown in a wide variety of soil and water conditions. Although it needs a lot of water and heat, it grows well in our temperate regions, in a substrate that retains well the water or in pure compost. Clay soils are therefore a good choice for the cultivation of this plant. Placed in 2 inches of water, a pot of Asian rice, 'Black Madras', works well all summer long. However, care must be taken to ensure that the soil never dries out completely, so that it is as less permeable as possible. Frequent watering will keep it sufficiently moist. The plant needs a lot of light to put in full sun. A lack of sunlight during a cloudy week slows the growth of the plant.