

## Wildflowers – Tips from Aoife Munn

Below are a few tips, tricks and timely advice to help you on your way to success in creating a wildflower area.

- 1) Do not use any chemicals like weedkiller or bug spray anywhere (but particularly not close to your wildflower area). These have a huge effect on biodiversity in your area and if you are thinking about setting up a wildflower area, have a chat to people living in the area to see if you can discourage them from using chemicals too.
- 2) Where you get your seed really matters. The only three places to get Irish seed in Ireland are: [www.wildflowers.ie](http://www.wildflowers.ie)

or

<https://www.bloomingnative.ie/collections/nativewildflowerseed/products/traditional-irish-native-wildflower-mix>

Or

<https://www.thegardenshop.ie/seeds/flowers/wild-flowers/> (only the own brand ones here!)

- 3) Sow your wildflowers on specially prepared soil where there is no grass
- 4) Or if it is poor soil just rough it up with a rake and sprinkle the seeds.
- 5) Sow when the soil is warm and moist so Spring and Autumn are best
- 6) If we get a very dry spell give them some water.
- 7) Use signage from biodiversity Ireland to let people know what you are doing.  
<https://pollinators.ie/resources/>
- 8) Collect the seed when it is ripe (it is brown and rattles)
- 9) Cut the area back once a year
- 10) Take lots of pictures to promote your efforts and when posting on social media use the hashtag #Communities4Environment

