

## **Barberton Daisy – Growing / Planting Tips**

**Soil and Position:** These colorful daisies prefer sandy well-drained soil in areas with full direct sunlight to partial shade. Another thing to remember is that they are used to hot dry weather!

**Planting** - When planting, be sure to add compost to boost growth and encourage flowering. I use shredded comfrey leaves and a little organic fertilizer (Rescue) at the bottom of the hole, with the result of very happy, strong plants.

Plant them +-40cm apart as they need plenty of airspace around them.

Plant them only as deep as the original soil level to avoid crown rot and when mulching, make sure that it doesn't obscure the crown.

**Watering** - Water only in the morning because this will give the leaves a chance to dry off during the day. This greatly reduces problems with fungal diseases (powdery mildew) and crown rot. Deeply watering with a hose or drip irrigation once weekly is advised. In this way, you can avoid getting leaves damp at all.

Don't overwater!!!

**Fertilizer** – Provide your Barberton Daisies with a high-quality micronutrient-rich plant fertilizer every 6 weeks. I use Rescue and Comfrey leaves as a mulch around the plants. Fish emulsion and seaweed are both well advised.

***Enjoy your Barberton Daisies***

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