

# ***Begonia semperflorens***

## **NIGHTLIFE Deep Rose**

Begonia semperflorens-Hybrids, Wax  
Begonia

### **Culture guide**

#### **Uses:**

Annual, packs, pots, containers and landscape plantings

#### **Exposure:**

Sun - Shade

#### **Garden height:**

9" / 23 cm

#### **Crop time:**

10-12 weeks

#### **Sow time:**

December onwards

#### **Sowing method:**

1-2 seeds/pills per plug

#### **Germination:**

Light is required for germination. 5-10 days at temperatures of 75-80 °F (24-26 °C), and relative humidity levels of 95% or higher. For pelleted seed, slightly higher temperatures and 100% relative humidity aid in uniformity of germination. pH levels of 5.5-6.5 are optimum.

#### **Growing On:**

Transplant plugs after 7-9 weeks and grow on at 62-68 °F (16-20 °C). Fertilize weekly with 150 ppm nitrogen watching to avoid excessive salt buildups.

#### **Media:**

Use a well-drained, growing substrate, pH 5.5-6.2.

#### **Temperature:**

Grow at 17-19 °C. For selling harden the plants at 7-10 °C and UV light.

Begonia semperflorens does not tolerate frost.

#### **Fertilization:**

Moderate fertilization levels are required. Fertilize the crop weekly with

100-150 ppm nitrogen, using a complete balanced fertilizer. High ammonium and high nitrogen levels cause big foliage. Avoid pH above 6.5, as high pH causes iron deficiency. Apply Fe-chelate if chlorosis becomes a problem. Avoid high salt levels in substrate.

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