# **CONEFLOWERS AT-A-GLANCE**

## ABOUT

- Perennials known as Echinaceas
- Members of the Daisy family
- Buy as plants or seeds
- Drought tolerant & deer resistant
- Bloom mid-summer until 1st frost
- Are self seeders
- Coneflowers might not produce blooms during first year
  - **STATS**
- Height ranges from 2-4 feet tall
- Space plants 1-3 feet apart
- Colors include purple, white, red, pink, orange, coral, and yellow

### REQUIREMENTS

- Growing Zones 3-9
- Find a location with full sun
- Soil pH 6.5-7.0
- Grow in most soil types; Amend with compost if needed
- Soil temps need to be above 65° or higher to plant
- Can also grow in containers

## **PLANTING SEEDS**

 If starting seeds indoors, begin 1 month before last spring frost date

Simple Garden

keeping the fun in gardening by keeping it simple!



 Plant seeds 1-3 feet apart (distance depends on variety)

- Add a little compost when planting
- Tamp down soil and water lightly
- Will germinate in 10-20 days
- Thin seedlings if needed

#### **PLANTING TRANSPLANTS**

- Move transplants after soil warms and frost danger is gone
- Space holes 1-3 feet apart
- Add compost into planting hole
- Tamp down soil and Water lightly

## MAINTENANCE

- Water every couple days first few weeks; After established only water if extreme drought
- Do not need to fertilize
- Can mulch around plants when plants are a few inches tall
- Deadhead plants early in season
- Cut plants to ground in early/mid fall after blooms have died
- Can let some stand to feed birds
  during winter
- Divide every 3-5 years

### ISSUES

Aster yellows and soldier beetles

