



What Kind of Soil Is for Wave Petunias?

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Petunias grow in small and large cultivars.

The University of Minnesota calls petunias some of the most popular garden annuals, noting their range of colors, sizes and growth habits. These plants grow in large to small varieties, with pink, blue, purple, red, yellow, orange and white colorations. The Wave company sells six varieties of petunias in various colors, with reputations of good, quick growth and hardiness. Plant Wave petunias in the right site and soil for success.

1. Season

- Petunias are annuals, and do not withstand frost. They grow in all areas of the country from spring to fall. In warm growing zones, they may last through fall and into warm winters. The Wave Petunia website recommends early spring plantings from blooming through late-summer.

Site and Soil

- Wave petunias need at least six hours of full sunshine every day, with adequate drainage and air movement. Plant them outdoors with a mix of garden loam and organic compost, or in pots and containers with a mixture of quick-draining potting soil and organic compost. These planting foundations keep the petunias moist and nourished, while guaranteeing quick drainage through the soil. The University of Minnesota recommends adding granular 8-8-8, 10-10-10 or 12-12-12 fertilizer to the soil at planting, for more nutrition.

Fertilizer

- The Wave Petunia website notes that these plants are heavy feeders, and recommends using liquid fertilizer once a week. The University of Minnesota recommends using this liquid fertilizer starting a month after planting, to give the plants time to settle. Use balanced fertilizer, and follow manufacturer directions in regard to mixing and application.

Maintenance

- Wave petunias do not enjoy dry soil, and should never go dry. Keep them consistently moist with 1 to 2 inches of water a week. Potted Wave petunias dry faster, and require more frequent waterings. Wave petunias don't require deadheading or pruning during the season. Use 1 to 2 inches of organic mulch on the soil to keep it moist and warm for the plants during the season.