



# Problems With a Wave Petunia Not Blooming

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Wave petunias that don't bloom or have very few blooms may not be getting the correct growing conditions and care that is needed during the growing season. Petunias that receive the proper care will flower from spring to fall until the first frost.

## 1. Sunlight

- Wave petunias need bright sunlight for at least six hours a day. Plants that are not getting the minimum required sunlight will not produce as many blooms as plants with the correct number of hours of direct sunlight. Whether plants are planted in a garden, hanging planter or table container, the plant needs direct sunlight.

## Water

- Give the Wave petunias plenty of water to keep the soil moist. Don't let the soil dry out or the plant will not have the needed energy to bloom and grow into a healthy plant. Water plants in the morning hours so that the leaves and flower buds dry before night. Although the soil condition doesn't matter for Wave petunias, the soil must have good drainage.

## Fertilizer

- Use liquid fertilizer at a 1-1-1 ratio every two weeks during spring and summer. Liquid 8-8-8 or 12-12-12 will work on Wave petunias. If the leaves start to turn yellow, it is a sign that Wave petunias need more fertilizer or are not getting enough water. When you fertilize the soil, thoroughly water the plant to prevent root burn.

## Deadheading

- Pinch off dead flowers including the stem 1 inch below the dead flower where the seeds develop to promote new blooms. When the plant stem goes to seed, new blooms will not appear. Deadheading also keeps the Wave petunia looking healthy and showy.