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FERTILIZER CYCLE & CARE GUIDE

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



MARIGOLD



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1. FERTILIZER CYCLE (STAGE-WISE)

SEEDLING STAGE (0–20 DAYS AFTER SOWING)

USE LIGHT COMPOST OR VERMICOMPOST IN SOIL.

SPRAY BUTTERMILK WATER (DILUTED 1:10) ONCE FOR HEALTHY ROOT GROWTH.

VEGETATIVE STAGE (20–40 DAYS)

EVERY 15 DAYS → APPLY NPK 19:19:19 (2–3 G PER LITRE WATER) OR COMPOST TEA.

ADD NEEM CAKE (30–40 G PER PLANT) TO PREVENT ROOT PESTS.

BUDDING & FLOWERING STAGE (40 DAYS ONWARDS)

EVERY 10–12 DAYS → APPLY POTASSIUM-RICH FERTILIZER (BANANA PEEL WATER, NPK 10:26:26).

ONCE A MONTH → ADD BONE MEAL OR SUPERPHOSPHATE (40–50 G PER PLANT) FOR HEAVY BLOOMING.

CONTINUOUS BLOOMING (TILL PLANT LIFE CYCLE ENDS)

ALTERNATE BETWEEN ORGANIC (VERMICOMPOST/LIQUID MANURE) AND CHEMICAL (NPK/POTASH) FERTILIZERS.

MULCH WITH DRY LEAVES/COCOPEAT TO KEEP ROOTS COOL.

2. CARING TIPS

✓ **SUNLIGHT** – NEEDS 6–7 HOURS OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

✓ **WATERING** – WATER DEEPLY 2–3 TIMES A WEEK; AVOID OVERWATERING (ROOTS ROT EASILY).

✓ **SOIL** – SANDY LOAM SOIL WORKS BEST (50% GARDEN SOIL + 30% COMPOST + 20% SAND).

✓ **PINCHING** – AT 30–35 DAYS, PINCH OFF THE TOP 2–3 INCHES OF THE PLANT TO MAKE IT BUSHIER (MORE BRANCHES = MORE FLOWERS).

✓ **DEADHEADING** – REMOVE DRIED FLOWERS REGULARLY TO EXTEND BLOOMING.

✓ **PEST/DISEASE CONTROL**



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3. PRO HACKS FOR HEALTHY MARIGOLD 🌻

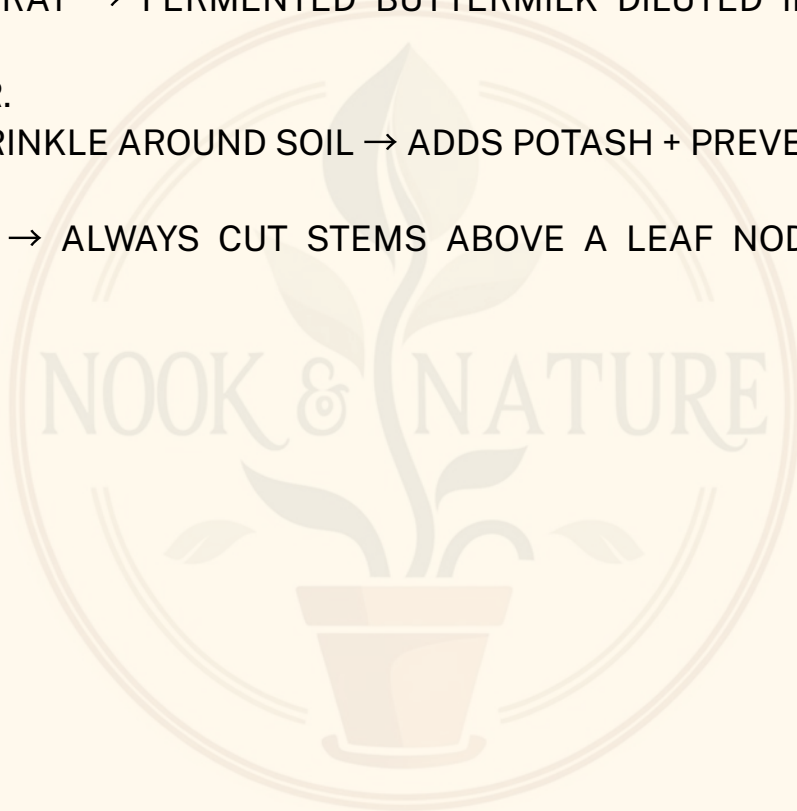
🌿 BANANA PEEL HACK → BLEND BANANA PEELS + WATER, POUR NEAR ROOTS = MORE FLOWERS.

🌿 EPSOM SALT → 1 TSP IN 1 LITRE WATER MONTHLY → BOOSTS CHLOROPHYLL & FLOWER SIZE.

🌿 BUTTERMILK SPRAY → FERMENTED BUTTERMILK DILUTED IN 10 PARTS WATER → NATURAL GROWTH PROMOTER.

🌿 WOOD ASH → SPRINKLE AROUND SOIL → ADDS POTASH + PREVENTS FUNGAL INFECTION.

🌿 PRUNING HACK → ALWAYS CUT STEMS ABOVE A LEAF NODE → PROMOTES SIDE SHOOTS.



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