

# Instructions

For best results, complete all steps in the order shown.



## PLANTING DATES

Stay within the recommended planting dates for your area as shown on the back of the bag. Planting dates are also posted at whitetailinstitute.com. *Do not plant during hot, dry weather.*

**SITE SELECTION** Select a site with medium to well drained soil, and that receives at least 3-4 hours of filtered or indirect sunlight a day.

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR PLANTING**

- disk or tiller
- broadcast seeder
- drag implement

## **Seedbed Preparation Instructions**

*If possible, perform Step 1 several months in advance of planting.*

1. **Adjust soil pH if low.** If possible, perform a laboratory soil for “establishment” of a “winter pea/brassica” mix. Add any lime recommended in the lab’s report to the seedbed. If you don’t test your soil with a laboratory soil test, then add 1,000 pounds of lime per 1/4 acre. **Thoroughly disk or till the lime into the top 3 or 4 inches of the seedbed.** *Do not skip this step! Making sure soil pH is optimum before you plant is extremely important!*
2. **Optional Considerations for New or Weedy Ground:** If grass and weed competition is heavy, consider disking or tilling the seedbed again two weeks after Step 1 tillage. If grass and weed competition still remains heavy, consider spraying a Roundup™ type glyphosate herbicide before planting.

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3. **If necessary to loosen the soil:** Disk or till the seedbed.
4. **Fertilize the seedbed.** Add the fertilizer recommended in your soil-test report to the seedbed. If no soil test is available, add 100 pounds of 17-17-17 or equivalent fertilizer per ¼ acre. *Do not skip this step! Making sure soil is at optimum fertility before you plant is extremely important!*
5. **Disk or harrow.** Lightly mix the fertilizer into the top few inches of the soil.
6. **Put out the seed.** Broadcast the seed at the rate shown on the front of the bag.
7. **LIGHTLY cover the seed.** Drag over the seed to LIGHTLY cover it. *Do not disk or till the seed in!*

After planting, consider placing a small wire basket over a portion of your planting so wildlife cannot browse inside it. As the forage grows, watch the difference inside and outside the basket to gauge grazing pressure.