

# ***Iberis sempervirens*** ***Snow Flurries***

Evergreen Candytuft

## ***Culture guide***

### **Uses:**

Cushion perennials for rock garden, a good ground cover

### **Exposure:**

Sun

### **Garden height:**

12" / 30 cm

### **Crop time:**

2 months

### **Sow time:**

May-July for flowering in pots the following year

### **Sowing method:**

5-7 seeds per plug, direct sowing into final pots is possible

### **Germination:**

14-21 days at 60-65 °F (15-18 °C)

### **Growing On:**

Grow on at 50-60 °F (10-15 °C).

### **Media:**

Use a well-drained, growing perennial substrate with 0-15 % clay, 0-20 % parts (e.g. wood fibres, bark, sand) 1-1,5 kg/m<sup>3</sup> complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> slow release fertilizer (3-9 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.5-7.5.

### **Temperature:**

Grow at 10-15 °C or outdoors. In winter indoors frost free at 3-5 °C or outdoors. Outdoor fleece needed. For wintering the root development in pots should be very good. In December (earliest from CW 51) the plants start to grow for 6-7 weeks at 15-18 °C. Cold temperatures at 8-12 °C will increase the cultivation time.

### **Fertilization:**

Low-moderate fertilization levels are required. Fertilize the crop weekly with 80-100 ppm nitrogen (at 2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> slow release fertilizer in substrate), using a complete balanced fertilizer. Avoid high ammonium and high nitrogen levels. High nitrogen levels are the cause that shoots are stretched and the plants fall apart. Don't fertilize after mid September. In spring fertilize with 80-100 ppm nitrogen, using a potassium balanced fertilizer (N: K2O-ratio: 1:1,5). Prevent magnesium deficiency by applying magnesium sulphate (0,025 %) 1-2 times and in case of Iron deficiency apply iron-chelate for 1-2 times.