

**When and How to Divide Some Common Perennials**

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Common Name	Botanical Name	How Often To Divide	Season To Divide	Method Of Division
Asters	Aster	Every 1 or 2 years to control spread and maintain vigor.	Spring	Spreading. Replant outer growth and discard the centers of older plants.
Astilbe	Astilbe	Every 2 to 3 years as plants become crowded.	Early Spring or fall.	Spreading. Needs division for best bloom.
Bearded Iris	Iris	Every 1 or 2 years to control spread and maintain vigor.	Spring	Rhizome. Divisions need 2-3" of rhizome and 1 fan, trimmed to half-size.
Beebalm	Monarda	Every 3 years to control rampant growth.	Spring or fall.	Spreading.
Bellflower	Campanula	Every 2 to 3 years or as the plant becomes crowded.	Spring or early fall.	Spreading.
Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia fulgida	Every 3 to 4 years.	Early spring or fall.	Spreading.
Blanket Flower	Gaillardia	Every 1 or 2 years to maintain vigor.	Early spring.	Spreading.
Bleeding Heart	Dicentra	Rarely needs division.	Early spring.	Clumping. Be gentle with brittle roots.
Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemum	Every year or two.	Spring.	Spreading.
Cranesbill	Geranium	Every 2 to 4 years.	Spring or fall.	Spreading.
Daylily	Hemerocallis	Every 3 to 6 years or as desired to increase stock.	After bloom is finished.	Clumping. Divisions with three or more shoots will bloom sooner.
Hosta	Hosta	Rarely need division, only as needed for plant increase.	Early spring or early fall.	Clumping. Divisions need 1-3 eyes, or a wedge from a large plant.
Lambs-ear	Stachys byzantina	Every 2 to 3 years.	Spring or early fall.	Spreading. Discard weak centers.
Lily of the Valley	Convallaria majalis	Divide for plant increase as desired.	Early spring.	Clumping. Can be divided as clumps or single "pips".
Ornamental Grasses	Varied	Every 3 to 4 years.	Spring for most grasses.	Fibrous. Very dense root system, may require an ax or saw to divide. Tuberous. Divisions need 3-5 well-developed buds.
Peony, Herbaceous	Paeonia	Rarely needs division, may wait 3 years before blooming.	September or October.	Plant peonies with the eyes no deeper than 1 inch below the surface.
Phlox	Phlox paniculata	Every 3 to 4 years.	Early spring or fall.	Spreading.
Purple cone-flower	Echinacea	Every 4 years.	Spring or fall.	Spreading.
Sedum	Sedum 'Autumn Joy'	For plant increase.	Spring.	Clumping divisions.
Tickseed	Coreopsis	Every 1 or 2 years to maintain vigor.	Spring or fall.	Spreading. Discard weak center.
Wormwoods	Artemisia	Every 1 or 2 years to maintain vigor.	Spring.	Spreading. Remove excess, dead center. Do not divide if woody.
Yarrow	Achillea	Every 2 or 3 years or when center dies out.	Spring or fall.	Spreading.