

# Plant Foster Program: Winecup Care



Thank you for becoming a plant foster and enhancing the bird-friendly communities in the City of York! Continue reading for more information on how to properly care for your winecup flowers.

## Why Winecups?



Winecups (*Callirhoe involucrata*) are a perennial plant that form a thick mat up to 1 ft tall. Named after their chalice-shaped wide flowers, they bloom March-June with the colors of white, pink, or purple. These native flowers are great at ground cover and attract pollinators and other nectar loving wildlife.

## Growing



Winecups are easy to grow from seed. Start by scarifying the seed, roughening the outer skin. Next, place the seeds 1/8" below the surface of a light soil mix designed for starting plants from seed. Keep the seeds moist by misting daily, making sure the soil has time to drain. Once the seeds have sprouted and are showing multiple pairs of leaves (roughly 8 weeks), they're ready to be transplanted into the garden.

## Sunlight



Winecups require **full sun, or part shade**. This means that they do the best when in sunny spots. They will tolerate partly shady areas, but if the spot is heavily shaded, they will not do as well.

## Water



**Medium water use** is considered the best for winecups. They are built for survival in very punishing conditions. These plants are **drought-tolerant** and once they are established, they require little water.

## Soil



The soil requirements for these plants is described as **well-drained rocky or sandy soils**. They also tolerate poor, clay based soils as well. The moisture of the soil can be either dry or moist.