

## American Flag (Broad London)

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For long tender white stems, transplant into dibbles (6 in. deep holes) or into a 8 in. trench and hill soil up around the plants as they grow.

**Culture:** Sow indoors in shallow flats, 8–10 weeks before last frost. Pot up when large enough to handle and move to the cold frame. Transplant out when pencil-thick, into “dibbles” 6 in. deep (1–2 in. should be above ground). Provide loose, very fertile soil with even moisture.

**Harvest:** Leeks can be harvested whenever they reach full size. This cold hardy type may be left in the ground and harvested all winter, or dug up after spring thaw. Store in boxes in the refrigerator or root cellar.

**Seed Savers:** To save seeds for home planting, isolate by at least 1500 ft. from elephant garlic and other leeks. The biennial plants form flowers the following spring after planting.

Soil  
Temp.  
**60–80°F**

Sowing  
Depth  
**½"**

Final Plant  
Spacing  
**2–6"**

Final Row  
Spacing  
**18–24"**

Light  
**Full Sun**

Days to  
Emerge  
**7–21**

