
Caring for New Plants

Thanks for letting me be a part of your garden! To make me feel at home and make sure I get along with all of your other plants, follow these easy steps for planting and caring for me. I'll be sure to grow strong and beautiful.

Anybody can sell you plants...

We make sure you succeed.



Planting and watering correctly will insure a beautiful garden.



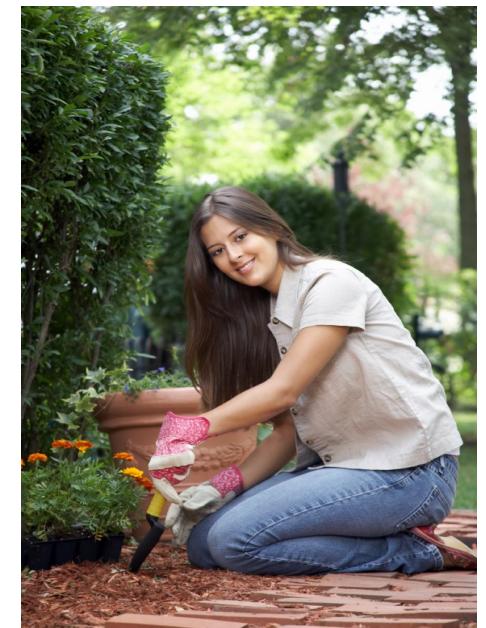
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Plant Installation & Watering Instructions

Remove the Container

Carefully remove my container by holding the top of my rootball and gently sliding me out. If needed, loosen my roots slightly with some gentle squeezing. Be careful not to disturb my roots too much or I'll go into shock.



Remove the plant and loosen the roots gently.

Prepare the Planting Mix

I love a good rich soil, so prepare a planting mix of 1 part Black Gold Garden Soil, 1 part native soil, and for an extra boost, add

the appropriate amount of Espoma's Bio-Tone Starter Plus.



For acid-loving plants, use Black Gold Garden Compost

Dig the Hole

Dig my hole twice as wide and the same depth as the container that I came in. Set me in the hole and be sure that the top of my rootball is level with the surrounding soil.



Make sure to plant level with the existing soil. The biggest planting problem we see is planting too deep.

Fill the Hole



Build a dirt ring around larger plants and trees to hold water over the rootball.

Fill the hole with the planting mix from Step 2, packing the soil lightly to remove any air pockets. Soak thoroughly to make me feel at home in your garden.

Fertilizer

Like you, I need my vitamins and minerals, so don't forget to feed me. I love The Kerby's Special fertilizer. It's complete and balanced and will help me thrive.

Watering

As a new plant, I'm going to need plenty of water to get growing. Follow this schedule to help me develop a strong root system:

- Water me daily in the 1st month
- Water me every other day for the second month
- Water me twice a week for the third month

After this period, water me once per week, or more frequently if we are very hot and dry.



Watering new plants is critical, even a single day missed can weaken them.

Watering Tips

- Always water in the morning. I only need water when the sun is up. If you wait until I'm wilting, I won't grow big and strong.
- Water differently for plants in shady areas. If I'm in the shade, I'll need a little less water. Make sure that I'm not sitting in soggy soil.
- Use a hose. I like a nice deep soaking when I'm new, sprinklers may not give me enough water.
- If I'm a hanging basket or container garden, check my soil daily and water when I've dried out. I'll always need water more regularly than my cousins planted in the ground.