

Basic Planting & Watering

Get your new plants off to a great start!



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PLANTING

- Prepare site by digging hole twice the width and for trees & shrubs, not quite as deep as the root ball. For perennials, plant level with the surrounding soil.
- Remove plant from pot and loosen roots well.
- Amend excavated soil with Planting Mix, Permatill, and BioTone (follow package directions based on plant size).
- Backfill, avoiding air pockets. Do not cover top of root ball at this point.
- Apply 2-3" of good quality mulch, keeping mulch from contacting trunk or stem of the plant.

WATERING

- Water well using a slow trickle so root ball is thoroughly soaked.
- Water as above about every 3 days for the first two weeks (less if it has rained significantly, possibly more if drought conditions), then water the equivalent to 1" of rain per week.
- For most plants, thorough watering weekly is preferable to light surface watering more frequently. Exceptions are shallow rooted plants such as dogwood, Japanese maples, azaleas & rhododendrons.
- Overwatering as just as detrimental as under watering, and symptoms are similar. Monitor automatic irrigation systems closely to avoid both situations.
- New plantings need water in fall and winter also, but usually only half the amount needed in spring/summer.



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