

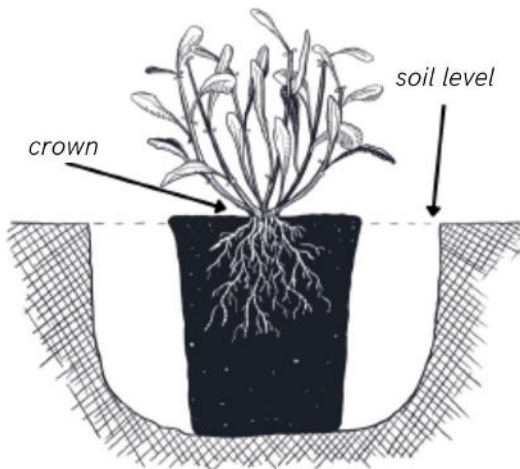
PLANTING GUIDE

Step-by-Step Planting Success

Step 1: Prepare the planting site. Add organic matter (compost) to the planting bed. This will create a nutrient rich environment where the plants can thrive.

Step 2: Plant. Remove the plant from the container by placing your fingers over the crown of the plant. Tip the pot, gently squeeze the sides until the plant comes out. If the roots are circling the pot, loosen them gently with your fingers being careful not to tear them.

Dig the hole twice as wide as the container, but only as deep as the container so as to not bury the crown of the plant. Set the plant in the hole with the crown at soil level. Backfill the hole and gently tamp down the soil to fill in the hole and remove any air pockets



Step 3: Water. Water with a gentle trickle until the root ball is sufficiently saturated.

Step 4: Mulch. Mulch around your plants with a thin layer of mulch to help conserve moisture. Be sure not to bury the crown of the plants.

Watering Requirements

Most plants require about an inch of water every week. The roots of perennials are close to the surface and require consistent water for the first year. Water daily for the first few weeks of planting – on average, around 1/3 of the volume of the container the plant was in. You can slowly cut back as the season progresses.