

How to Plant and Care for Your Native Plants

1. Find the right location for your plant by matching its sun exposure and moisture needs to a spot in your yard that can meet those needs. This is very important.
2. Dig a hole as deep as and a little wider than the pot that your plant is in.
3. If your plant is root-bound, cut off the bottom ¼” of roots to stimulate new root growth.
4. Place the plant in the hole and backfill with soil. Be sure the level of the plant’s soil matches the level of the ground around it.
5. Water your plant thoroughly.
6. Add 1-2” of mulch, leaving a circle of bare soil about 2” in diameter around the stem.
7. Take steps to protect your new plants from rabbits or deer if they are known to visit the garden area.
8. Water your plant every other day for two weeks, if it doesn’t rain.
9. After two weeks, additional watering may be needed, at least once a week, if the weather is hot and dry. After the first year, you do not need to provide additional water for your plant.
10. Do not fertilize your plant or use pesticides.
11. Your native plant may not bloom the first year while it’s busy growing deep roots.