

- 2-6 months: *1 time per week, or as needed*
- *As needed until establishment* (see below for establishment guidelines)

Establishment Times

- Herbaceous annuals, perennials, ferns, aquatics: *2-4 weeks*
- Small shrubs: *1-3 months*
- Larger shrubs, palms, trees: *6 months to over 1 year*

Step 4:

Mulching

Mulch helps to retain essential moisture in the soil as well as create a barrier for weeds. Spread 3"-4" of mulch around your new plant; make sure that the mulch is pulled away from the base of your plant and its root ball to avoid fungal growth.

By following these steps, you should have years of enjoyment from your native plants. Please contact the Native Landscapes & Garden Center at 472-1932 if you have any questions.

Planting Guide



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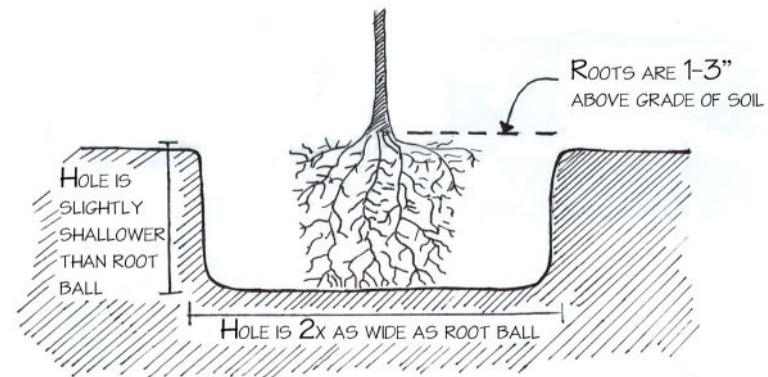
Step 1:
Choosing a proper location

Your planting area should suit the plant's moisture and light requirements. Space your plants with their mature size in mind, including their height, width, and root spread. Also ensure that when your plant is fully grown, it won't interfere with power lines, foundations, sidewalks, or other plants.

Step 2:
Planting

It is important to plant as quickly as possible so that there is minimal shock to your plant. When digging the hole, dig twice as wide as the pot and slightly shallower than the pot is tall. Place the soil to the side to keep for backfill. Fill the hole with water; then gently remove the plant from the pot without breaking the roots. Place the plant in the hole. It is important that the top of the plant's rootball is slightly higher than the surrounding soil (*see diagram*). Once the plant is in place, fill the spaces around the roots with the soil you set aside, making sure to remove any air pockets.

Press the soil lightly around the rootball to secure the plant. If necessary, properly stake the plant.



Step 3:
Watering

Once you have backfilled the hole, give the plant a good steady soak around the base. Keeping the weather in mind, follow the watering guidelines below until your plant becomes established (see below for establishment times). **If placed in the proper location**, your plant *should not need* supplemental irrigation once established.

Watering Guidelines

- First two weeks: *every other day*
- Next two months: *2 times per week*