

PLANTING PERENNIAL & ANNUAL PLANTS

Most perennials and annuals like a well-drained soil enriched with organic matter. Soil for most perennials and annuals should be amended with 3 to 4 inches of either **Miracle-Gro Garden Soil** or **Leafgro® Soil Conditioner** to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. Once the soil has been prepared, place your plants around the planting area while still in their pots. Make sure you have taken into consideration the mature height of the plant as well as sun or shade requirements. Determine an approximate location for the plant then dig a hole in the amended soil wide enough and deep enough to accommodate the plant. Water the plants thoroughly, and then remove them from their pots by inverting them and supporting the root ball.

If the roots have grown out or compacted against the pot or container, “feather” the roots by using your fingers to gently pull the surface roots away from the root ball. This will encourage new roots to grow away from the root ball and out into the new soil. If the roots are extremely compacted, you may need to make a few shallow cuts through the roots on the sides and bottom of the root ball.

Place your plant into the hole, then backfill to ground level. Water the plant thoroughly to ensure the soil fills in completely around the roots, eliminating large air pockets. To promote root development, pour a transplanting solution containing **Miracle-Gro Quick Start** or **Espoma Bio-Tone Starter** over the root ball.

Monitor your annuals and perennials daily, watering as needed. Water slowly to attain deep-water penetration, which encourages widespread root development. Feed annuals weekly or bi-weekly with **Bonide Bloom Builder** fertilizer. Feed perennials bi-weekly with **Bonide Bloom Builder** fertilizer.

Add a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch around the plant to help retain soil moisture. Avoid overly deep mulch up against the trunk or stems of the plant as this can promote disease or pest injury.



LIMITED PLANT WARANTEE

Thank you for purchasing your plant material from Poor Boy's Garden Center. We hope each plant we sell gets a great home and provides you with wonderful colors and fragrances. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the health of the plant that you have purchased, please feel free to contact us immediately. We are always here to help. Our warranty does not cover any plants that have died due to obvious lack of care, natural disasters, or extreme weather conditions as determined by our staff.

- Trees and Shrubs: One year (12 months) from purchase date.
- Perennials: 30 days for plant material in Quart pots (or larger).
- No Guarantee On: Any annuals, hanging baskets, groundcovers, sod, vegetables, herbs, or aquatic plant material.

Please note that any plants marked as “clearance or final sale” and/or marked down 50% off or greater from their original price are not guaranteed.

If you have a warranty claim, please return the dead plant material and the receipt to us. Upon an approved return, determined by our staff, we will issue an “in store credit” for the full amount of the original purchase. Sorry but there are no cash/credit card refunds.



MIRACLE-GRO QUICK START

Helps prevent transplant shock and gets tender young plants and transplants off to a quick start. For use on both flowers and vegetables.



MIRACLE-GRO GARDEN SOIL

Specially formulated for annuals, perennials and vegetables. Feeds up to 3 months with Miracle-Gro® Continuous Release Plant Food.



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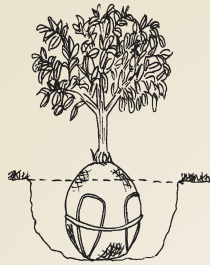
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THE PLANTING HOLE

To plant a tree, dig a hole at least 12 inches wider than the width of the root ball or container and 2 to 3 inches shallower than the root ball or container. Once planted, the top of the root ball should be slightly above the surface of the ground. For shrubs, dig a hole twice the size of the root ball or container and the same depth. When finished, the top of the root ball should be slightly above the surface of the ground.



PLACING YOUR PLANT IN THE HOLE

Container Plants: Ease the pot off without disturbing the root ball. Cut any circling roots and place the root ball in the hole. If the roots are extremely compacted, you may need to make a few shallow cuts through the roots on the sides and bottom of the root ball. Pour a transplanting solution containing **Miracle-Gro Quick Start** or **Espoma Bio-Tone Starter** over the root ball. This will help the newly planted tree, shrub, or perennial to develop a stronger root system.

Balled & Burlapped Plants: Place the plant into the hole. Do not remove any rope or string until the tree is at the proper planting height (2 to 3 inches above surface of soil) and it is positioned in the desired direction. Partially backfill the hole, then remove all twine or nylon strings. Fold down the top half of the basket and the top half of burlap. Synthetic burlap material must be removed. Do not attempt to remove the burlap from under the plant as this could damage the root ball. Finish filling the hole with dirt. Pour a transplanting solution containing **Miracle-Gro Quick Start** or **Espoma Bio-Tone Starter** over the root ball. This will help the newly planted tree or shrub to grow new roots.

ENRICHING YOUR SOIL

Most urban soils are clay based and will therefore benefit from various types of soil amendment procedures. When planting, amend the soil with **Miracle-Gro Garden Soil** or **Leafgro® Soil Conditioner**. When planting trees, mix 65% of the existing soil with 35% organic matter. For shrubs, mix 50% existing soil and 50% organic matter.

To promote better root development, mix **Leafgro® Soil Conditioner** with the amended soil and backfill your planting hole. When the hole is about half refilled, straighten and level the plant then tamp the soil down carefully. Water and then fill the rest of the hole with the amended soil. Use excess soil to build a ring 6 to 10 inches from the outside of the hole. Water will have the ability to collect in this saucer and move slowly down in the root zone of the plant as well as minimize runoff.



WATERING

Water your newly planted tree or shrub by using a slow, deep-watering method. For example, turn your hose on to a trickle and let it sit next to the base of your tree for 15 minutes every few days for the first month that it is planted. The root systems of balled and burlapped and or container plants dry out faster than the soil around them so it is important to monitor their soil moisture. Water slowly to attain deep-water penetration, which encourages widespread root development. Plants should receive about 1 inch of water per week during the growing season. You should monitor a plant's water needs for the first two growing seasons.



STAKING

Staking a tree should only be done when necessary, such as when roots are not solid in the planting hole or when the tree could be dislodged by high winds. In most instances, the weight of the root ball is normally sufficient to hold the tree in place. Trees with trunks up to two inches in diameter can be supported with a single 2" x 2" x 8' stake driven firmly into the ground at a 45° angle close to the trunk and attached to the tree with plastic ties designed for this purpose. Wrap the trunk of the tree to protect it from rubbing against the stake. Trees with trunks larger than 2 inches in diameter may require 2 or 3 stakes or guide wires anchored into the soil. Remove stakes and wires after one growing season.

MULCHING

Add a 2 to 3 inch layer of shredded mulch or bark chips around the plant. This will prevent water loss and keep mowers and trimmers from getting too close to the plant. Avoid overly deep mulch up against the trunk or stems of the plant as this can promote disease or pest injury.



ANIMAL PROTECTION

Protect your trees, shrubs and garden plants from Deer, rabbits and Squirrels. We recommend Bonide Repels-All. It is a long lasting and weather resistant repellent. It can be applied throughout the growing season and in the winter months. Proven effective for up to 2 months. Simply follow directions according to label.

PEST CONTROL

Prevention is the best course. Timely application of pesticides is important. Don't spray when the air temperature is above 80 degrees. Spray early in the morning when temperatures are cooler. Do not spray if rain is predicted within 24 hours. Read the entire product label. Ask our staff for recommendations on pesticide use.