

Planting Guide and Tips

- Fill your watering can, bucket, or jug before you begin.
 - Start planting at the back of the plot first. Then, work your way to avoid stepping on other plants.
1. Loosen the soil by digging down and around the area.
 2. Dig out a hole equal to the depth of the plant
 3. Pour water into the hole and let it drain. Do this until the water drains slowly, or up to 3 times.
 4. Ease a part the roots of the plant, if they are compacted. Some roots might already be loose enough.
 5. Plant to a depth that allows the plant's crown to lie at soil level. (*Only the roots should be buried, not the stem.*)
 6. Backfill soil between the plant and hole. Gently firm the soil around the plug.
 7. Water the base of plant and the area around it after installation to fill the soil air holes around the root systems. Don't worry, you cannot over water!
 8. Use mulch sparingly. If you are mulching, ensure you use a material that is pollinator-friendly and leave a 2" perimeter that is bare ground around the stem of the plant to avoid root rot and disease.

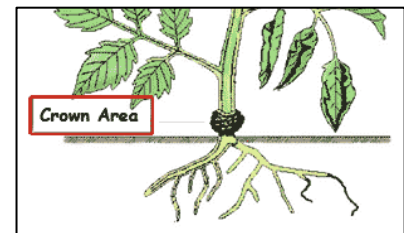


Figure 1. The crown is the place where the plant stem meets the roots.



Stand back and smile. You're done with this plant! *Repeat until done....*