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## Planting Guidelines

1. If possible, water the area to be planted to make sure moisture is in the soil before planting. Don't water the day of, or the day before planting.
2. Water all planting material before planting. Preferably the day before planting.
3. Dig hole 3 times as wide as the root ball of the plant, but not deeper. Plant should fit in the hole with the top of the root ball to 1" higher than the top of the soil.
4. After removing the plant from its container, gently pull the roots apart to encourage the roots to grow outward.
5. Apply ½" of compost to the hole and mix some with the native soil going back into the hole. Mix no more than 1/3 of compost to the native soil. Apply a ¼" of compost on top of root ball after planting.
6. Bury the root ball by pushing soil into the planting hole. Push down the soil firmly with your hands to fill voids in the planting hole.
7. If installing a drip system, make sure there is an emitter on top of the root ball of the plant, or place emitter on the high side of a plant, an inch above the root ball.
8. Apply 3" of mulch to all planting areas, covering any drip system pipe. Keep mulch a few inches from the base of the plant.
9. Water plants generously after planting.