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# PLANT CARE & CULTURAL INFORMATION

## PLANT CARE UPON ARRIVAL:

Your plants will arrive dormant, packed in peat moss, mulch or shredded paper. Upon receipt, open cartons and examine your plants. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or e-mail us right away. If seasonal conditions prohibit planting immediately, keep the roots ventilated, cool (or refrigerated at 35°F), and slightly moist. To ventilate, open and roll back the top of the plastic bags, cover with several sheets of damp newspaper, and partially close the bag.

## WHEN POTTING, PROPER DRAINAGE IS KEY:

The potting medium should drain well, and your watering schedule should correspond with the drainage/water-retention characteristics of the planting medium.

#### WATERING:

Immediately after potting, water the plants in, but do not keep the soil constantly wet, especially before breaking dormancy. Allow the soil to get to the dry side of moist before watering again. While the root system develops, and as the ambient temperature increases, the speed at which the soil drys out will accelerate; therefore, your watering schedule will need to be adjusted. Separate perennial crops by their watering needs. Stop watering at or before the first frost.





### CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS:

Plant roots at the same level at which they were previously growing. Ferns should be planted a little higher so that the crowns are exposed.

## CONTAINERS:

We recommend that you grow your plants in fiber pots because they breathe. The planting medium also stays cooler because fiber pots do not absorb or retain as much heat as plastic and allow evaporation. Alternatively, you can use vented plastic pots to achieve similar results.

## **OVER-WINTERING:**

Protect plants from freezing and thawing.



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