

CARE TIPS FOR NATIVE PLANTS



**Let's bring nature
back home!**



CONGRATULATIONS!

Now that you have just collected your free native plant what's next? We've prepared for you **3 easy steps to follow** and ensure that your native plant will thrive in its new home.

1. Prepare

- Remove grass or mow low.
- Cut and lift turf (save it for compost).
- Add compost or well-rotted manure.
- Loosen the soil with a fork and water the area.
- Dig wide holes (twice the size of the pot).



2. Plant

Best time to plant:

- In winter, the soil will be wet (May to August). Avoid sunny or windy days.

How to plant:

- Gently remove the plant from the pot.
- Loosen the roots if root-bound.
- Plant to the same soil depth as the pot.
- Firm soil gently, water thoroughly.



3. Care

- Remove weeds and grass around it.
- Check overall plant health.
- Only water in hot, dry spells during the first year of establishment – once a week max.
- Water deeply rather than often.



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