



Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials

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Caring For Your New Plants

Potted Plants:

Keep pots well watered until the plants are set in the ground. During warm weather, this usually means a thorough soaking EVERY day. Remove the plant from the pot before planting. **All of our pots are recyclable.** If you find it difficult to remove the plant from the pot: 1) lay the pot on the ground on its side and 2) step on the pot lightly and roll it under your foot a few times. If the plant is potbound (dense roots fill the pot), use a knife to lightly score the bottom of the root ball twice and down the sides of the root ball three or four times.

Planting Depth:

***Perennials** - should be planted at the same depth they were growing in the pot. (Exceptions: Astilbes, Coral Bells and Japanese Iris should be set at least 1" deeper than that. These varieties have a tendency to heave out of the ground during the winter and deep planting combats that).

***Shrubs** - Be careful not to plant your shrubs too deeply. Soil (and mulch) should never come up around the stem of the plant. It's better to plant shrubs a little high rather than too low. (This does NOT mean leaving the top of the rootball exposed to the air).

***Roses** - should be planted deeply. The top of the graft union (the bulge where the named variety was joined to the rootstock) should be 2" below the soil surface. This is very important for surviving winter in our climate. Own root roses can be planted at the same depth they were growing in the pot. If in doubt, deep planting own root roses will not harm them.

Once planted, **WATER WELL.** Keep the plants watered regularly until they are established and new growth begins. Deep watering is most easily accomplished with a sprinkler, a soaker hose, or just a hose left on 'dribble' at the base of the plant for an hour or so at a time. **Water is THE KEY to successful transplanting. During the first 2-3 weeks, NEVER LET THE ROOTS DRY OUT.** That said, *don't drown your plants, either.* The plant roots need to breathe, and constantly saturated soil will result in rot. If you have an irrigation system, remember that your lawn's water needs and your garden's water needs are very different. Once established, your gardens would benefit from a deep soaking once a week - NOT a little every day.

We guarantee that all plants leaving our nursery are healthy and true-to-name. We will replace any plant that proves otherwise. We cannot replace plants lost to unfavorable weather, neglect or other causes over which we have no control.

