

Fall Planting Tips!



- Plan around the weather. Plant your plants when there will be a string of many cool, wet days. Avoid planting when temps will be unseasonably warm or cold. Rainy/damp days in the 40s-60s are perfect. Your plants will be perfectly fine outside in their pots as you wait for the right time to plant.
- Water each plant thoroughly in its pot and let it sit overnight or at least a few hours so that its roots have a chance to soak up the water. If we've been getting a lot on rain, this step may not be necessary.
- Gently pull the plant partially out of the pot to gage the size of the root mass. Dig a hole that will be significantly wider than the roots. General rule; the hole should be twice as wide as the original pot.
 - **For Trees and Shrubs:** Pull the plant completely out of the pot and loosen the roots. Mix some of the soil from the pot with the existing soil and create a little mound at the bottom of the hole. Set the new plant on the mound and arrange the roots heading outward and downward, away from the stem.
 - **For Perennial/Herbaceous Plants:** Carefully pull the plant out of the pot. Loosen any roots that appear bound together, otherwise avoid aggressive root disturbance. Transfer it to the prepared hole with roots arranged downward and outward.
 - **For Bulbs** (i.e. tiger lily, white fawn lily, trillium, etc.): Fall is the best time to plant bulbs because they are dormant. If they appear a little shriveled and dry - this is normal! Also, at this price, the bulbs of some species will be small - about the size of a large pea. The main thing is to make sure you plant it right side up. Be sure to leave pots outside in a sheltered place where they get minimal water until you plant them, so the bulbs don't rot.
- Gently fill in the hole with remaining dirt and water deeply all around. Add a top layer of mulch, such as wood chips, compost and/or leaves.

