

Spring 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.
- Gently pull the plant partially out of the pot to gauge 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. Loosen the roots and make sure they are pointing down and out. 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:** If the weather has been cold, these plants can be fragile in early spring. Pull the plant out of the pot carefully, without disturbing the sensitive early roots. Do not aggressively loosen or knock off soil. Keep the contents of the pot as intact as possible as you transfer it to the prepared hole.
 - **For Bulbs** (i.e. tiger lily, white fawn lily, trillium, etc.): Bulbs will be the most fragile in early spring. Either plant with care (as noted above) or, alternatively, keep it in its pot and wait until the plant dies back to plant. By early summer, the plant will die back completely and the bulb will dry up, making in very easy to transplant. If you go this route, leave the pot in a sheltered place and water very sparingly, so that you don't rot out the bulb.
- 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.

