

# TRANSPLANTING BEDDING PLANTS & VEGETABLES

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## Timing

A safe date for transplanting in our area is around April 15th. Prior to this you must be prepared to protect transplants at night from late frost or freezing temperatures. Choose a shady day in late afternoon or early evening to plant to prevent wilting.



## Prep Beds

Have your beds prepared and ready to go. Our alkaline soils and water need organic matter added, not only for nutrients, but to condition soils for water retention and/or aeration. Adding organic compost mulch to your regular garden soil is excellent for this, and acidifies our soils, making nutrients available to your plants.



## Water

Water the plants before transplanting.



## Arrange

Arrange the plants in your garden according to recommended spacing intervals, mature dimensions, blooming periods, color, lighting, water and soil requirements. The tag provided will give you the spacing needed or ask us for more information.



## Handling

Handle the plant carefully to avoid breaking or bruising the stems. Holding the container on it's side, tap the bottom to loosen the root ball from the container, and remove it carefully. (If the root system is overgrown, carefully work the roots loose on all sides and the bottom.)



## Dig & Plant

Dig a hole large enough to hold the plant's rootball. Set the plants at the same depth as previously planted. (Tomatoes are the exception: plant them deep enough to leave only 2-3 sets of leaves exposed. They'll grow roots along the stem.)

Press the soil firmly around the roots of the transplants, and water thoroughly. If the weather is extra hot and dry, use root stimulator to help them adjust.



## Mulching

Mulching aids water conservation and prevents weeds from growing. Please consider an organic mulch for your beds and vegetable gardens: Bark, straw, pecan shells, or gravel are effective.



## Maintain & Feed

Water deeply and thoroughly until the plants are established. Let soil dry slightly on top then water. For beautiful flowers, apply BR-61 monthly. For vegetables and herbs, we recommend an organic fertilizer every month.

If you don't find what you need, ask at the office. We may have it in our greenhouses, or we will do our best to get it for you!

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