



PLANTING FLOWERS, HERBS, VEGGIES & PERENNIALS

Idaho's soil can be sandy or clay, so amending your soil will help your plants thrive. When planting, use a mix of **30% soil amendment** (compost or Azalea, Camellia & Acid) to **70% of your native soil**.

We recommend replacing patio & porch pot soil every year with EB Stone potting mix, before planting for best results.

- Place your plants around the planting area before removing them from their pots so you can see your design before you plant.
- Dig your hole 1 times the width of the pot and only as deep as the root ball.
- If your plant's roots are compacted, gently loosen them, or use a sharp knife to make 3-4 shallow vertical slits in the root ball.
- Place your plant into the hole, then backfill with soil to the ground or slightly below your patio pot level. Water your plant deeply.
- Perennials planted in-ground, add a 1-2" layer of bark mulch around plants to help retain soil moisture.
- Monitor your plants daily. Water as needed. Water slowly to attain deep soil hydration. Fertilize annual flowers once a week with Fertilome's Blooming and Rooting fertilizer.
- Annual full sun plants in pots or hanging baskets need water 2x's per day in Idaho's hot weather. (Late May-August)



Amending Soil = Happy Plants



E.B. Stone
Planting
Compost



Acid Planting
Mix



Organic
Compost

Use Fertilome Root Stimulator or Biotone Starter , Then Mulch



Fertilome
Root
Stimulator



Espoma
Starter
Mix



Mulch
with
Soil Pep

Fertilizing = New Growth



Fertilome
Blooming &
Rooting



Fertilome
Tree &
Shrub



Espoma
Organic
Fertilizers

Scan for more
watering info.



FarWest Garden Center



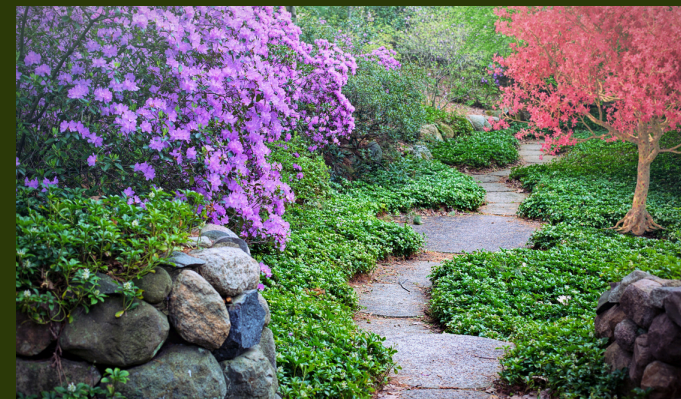
5728 W. State St. • Boise, ID 83703
208-853-4000



FarWest

landscape + garden

Your Guide to Planting



farwestgardencenter.net

WHEN CAN I PLANT?

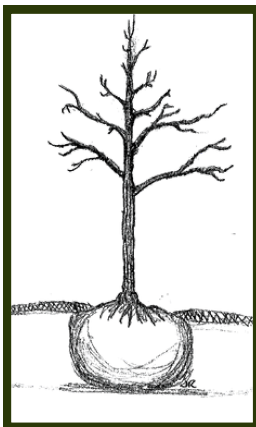
Planting can be done anytime the soil is not frozen. Plant your item as soon as you get home. If you can't plant today, place plant in a shady or sheltered location. Keep your plant watered until you can plant it.

BEFORE YOU PLANT

Take into account the space available, the amount of sunlight, and soil type. **Remember** to call **811** at least **5** days before planting to have your utility lines marked so you don't cut underground lines while digging.

TREE & SHRUB PLANTING

Dig a hole at least a few inches *wider* than the root ball. Do not dig too deep! Dig a hole that is the same depth as the plant's root ball, or slightly shallower. The top of the root ball should be **1" - 2" above** the surface of the ground.



PLACING YOUR PLANT IN THE HOLE

Ease the pot off the root ball. Gently roll the plant into the hole. If roots are extremely compacted, make a few shallow cuts through the roots on the sides and bottom of the root ball. Remove all twine & fold down burlap or cage away from the tree or shrub's trunk.

(DO NOT REMOVE THE BURLAP/CAGE FROM THE ROOT BALL)

ADDING AMENDMENTS

Idaho's soil can be clay or sandy. Plants do well with a mix of 30% soil amendment (compost/soil conditioner/acid planting) with 70% native soil. Mix thoroughly for proper drainage & water absorption. Use Fertilome Root Stimulator once you have your plant in the hole. If using Myke or *Mycorrhizae*, see below. If no Myke is being used, skip to WATERING STEP.

MYKE APPLICATION



(DO NOT REMOVE THE BURLAP/CAGE FROM THE ROOT BALL) Place plant in the hole & rub Myke directly on the root ball. Place any Myke that doesn't stick to the burlap or root ball into the hole as close to the roots as possible. Backfill the hole with the amendment & native soil from the hole you dug for your plant.

WATERING

After amending your soil, water, then fill the rest of the hole with soil. Build a ring 6" from the outside of the hole to create a water holding well. Water will have the ability to collect and move slowly down into the root zone. Consider using a moisture meter to see if soil is dry or wet before watering. Wait to water if "wet or moist"

MULCHING

Add a 2-3" layer of bark or rock mulch around the plant at least 6" away from the trunk.

WATERING GUIDELINES

AT PLANTING

Water deeply. Use at least half the amount of water as the container the plant came in.
(10 gallon pot = 5 gallons of water,
2 gallons pot = 1 gallons of water.)

FOR THE FIRST MONTH

Check for water needs every day. Add water **ONLY** if needed. This will vary depending on the plant size, planting location & temperatures during the first month in-ground. The soil should dry out some before watering deeply again.

REMAINDER OF SEASON

As the plant establishes, watering will be less frequent, after the first month. Continue monitoring watering needs. Expect to hand water about every 5-6 days with or without drip.

BEFORE FROST

Once the temps drop & we are getting consistent light frosts, give your new plant its final deep watering before the ground freezes.

SECOND YEAR IN-GROUND

Watering needs for the second growing season will be less except during dry periods and extreme summer heat. Refer back to "Remainder of Season."