

# PLANTING GUIDE

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*Thank you for purchasing nursery stock from Three Palms Nursery! Please take the time to read the following guide as natives have different planting requirements. Most natives are low-maintenance plants that help to conserve water resources.*

## Planting Natives

After purchasing native plants look them up in the Sunset Western Garden Book or online so you understand all of the plants characteristics. Most natives survive only on winter rain and can die if you water them any other time. Others can take supplemental watering. Natives can be planted almost all year round (though you should avoid the hottest and coldest times of the year). The best time of year to plant is early spring or fall. At these times there is or soon will be rain water in the ground which is ideal for establishing natives. Planting on slopes, hills or mounds is also ideal because it provides perfect drainage conditions and plants can

be watered with out the fear of loosing them. If you are planting on flat ground it is important that you locate the plant away from sprinklers and other automatic irrigation. It is a good idea to add some soil from another part of the yard to build up a small mound three to four inches higher than the surrounding soil so the crown (where the plant meets the soil) has good drainage.

Before a plant goes in the ground make sure to pre-irrigate (run a hose very slowly for two to four hours).

You may not need to do this in the spring if there is sufficient moisture in the ground. Let the ground dry for a day or two. Dig a hole twice as large as the container. Remove the plant from the container and pull out the roots gently with your fingers – don't forget the bottom. Place the plant in the hole and cover with soil. Push down gently on top until the plant is level or slightly higher (with 5 gallon plants) than the surrounding soil. Carve a trough around the plant with a hoe and water in. This may be all the water the plant needs to thrive or it may need one or two more hand irrigations depending on weather conditions. Keep an eye on the plant, if it wilts, water it.

### *Our Guarantee*

*By following the cultural guidelines outlined in our Planting Guide, your plants should thrive and give you many years of enjoyment. Nearly all plants have been grown in our climate and water. If, for some reason, after following these guidelines, your plants do not grow within 30 days of purchase, we will give you credit towards another purchase. Please note we will not replace plants that have died in the container. We will exchange healthy plants within 10 days of purchase for alternate varieties or nursery credit.*

*Thank you,*

*Phil Kitchen  
Owner, Three Palms Nursery*

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