

HUNNIFORD GARDENS

PERENNIAL AND SHRUB PLANTING TIPS

Perennials and shrubs can be planted any time between Spring and Fall. This is usually between May and October for our region.

1. Select your desired **perennials** or **shrubs**. Ensure that the plants' sunlight requirements, growth habit and mature size will be appropriate for the planting site.

2. Dig a hole 2-3 times as wide and 3-12 inches deeper than the plant's container.

3. Add the suitable soil amendments (See recommendations on "**Choosing the Right Dirt**"). Consider the current condition of your garden soil as well as the plant's soil preferences.

4. Add 3-12 inches of the soil amendment(s) to the planting hole. Backfill with garden soil and blend the mixture together. Keep adding soil until there's just enough room left to accommodate the plant's root ball.

5. Add 1-2 handfuls of **bone meal** to the bottom of the hole and stir into the soil's surface. Water to moisten soil.

6. Gently remove the plant from its pot and loosen the roots if necessary. Place the root ball in the hole. Ensure that the plant's existing soil level is at ground level, and not deeper or shallower. Add more soil around the root ball as needed and water deeply.

7. Add **liquid transplant fertilizer (5-15-5)** to reduce transplant shock.

8. Water your newly planted perennials and shrubs *every 1-2 weeks* for the first growing season. **Deep and infrequent watering produces the healthiest, strongest plants!**

Planting Essentials:

✿ *Perennials/Shrubs*

✿ *Soil Amendments*

✿ *Bone Meal*

✿ *Transplant Fertilizer*