How To Install Plants

• When planting a garden, remember space plants for growth - they should be placed according to their size at maturity,
• Use the following as a guide.

Let’s get started

1. Dig a hole twice as wide as the root ball and slightly shallower than the root ball.
   • The root ball is comprised of all the roots contained in a pot.
2. Hit the bottom and sides of the container until the root ball is loosened.
   • Slide the pot off the root ball.
   • Be careful not to pull the plant out by the main stem.
3. Lightly massage the roots to loosen the root ball.
4. Place your plant in the soil.
   • Have the top of the root ball level with the ground.
5. Fill the hole with soil.
   • Tamp the soil firmly as you backfill to eliminate any air pockets.
6. Create a small basin around the plants to help hold in water until they become established.
7. Slowly, deep water your plants with the following:
   • 1 gallon potted plants: 2 gallons of water (1/2 bucket).
   • 5 gallon potted plants: 5 gallons of water (1 bucket).
8. Add a 3 - 4” layer of mulch.
   • 1” sized wood chips work best.

You’ll need the following:

- Plants
- Trowel
- Water
- Bucket
- Mulch

No Fertilizer Necessary!

When using California natives there is no fertilizer necessary! Natives have evolved to thrive in nutrient poor soils.