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**Weigela:**

Sun: Full                    Zones: 3-8                    Blooms: Mid Summer  
Height: 24"-72"        Spacing: 24"-72"        Colors: Pink, Magenta

Prefers average garden soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

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*Fall Perennials*  
**PLANTING GUIDE**

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### **Introduction:**

Your Fall Perennials have arrived dormant and need to be planted as soon as possible. If you cannot plant right away, please open the box, water the plants, and store them in their containers or bags in a cool, dry location.

- **Bareroots:** dig a hole slightly larger than the root and plant so the top of the root is level with or slightly below the soil line. See each plant for specific instructions.
- **Potted plants:** dig a hole that is slightly larger than the pot the plant came in. Place the root in the hole, fill dirt in around the roots and gently pack down the soil with your hands. Water deeply once the hole is filled in. See each plant for specific instructions.

Put a layer of mulch on top of the plant, around 1-2" deep. Mulch keeps the plants from drying out and will prevent damage to the roots during the spring months.

Fertilizer is recommended for some perennials, but not required for all. See individual plant descriptions for further instructions.

Water is crucial during the fall and winter for root growth. Water weekly through the fall then in decreasing frequency as the weather gets colder. Once the ground is frozen, watering is no longer necessary. For regions where the ground does not freeze, water every 2-3 weeks until spring. In the spring, water weekly if there is no rain; for most areas regular spring rains are enough.

**Perennial Growth:** Your perennials will grow significantly and will bloom next spring and summer, however it may take 2-3 years for them to reach their full height and width.

**Color:** Please note that the color of some perennials including Hydrangeas are affected by soil conditions such as pH. Please consult your local garden center for products to amend your soil, if needed, to bring out the true color of your flowers.

### **Guide to Sun and Special Advantages:**

**Full:** averaging 6 or more hours of sun per day.

**Partial:** averaging 4-6 hours of sun per day.

**Shade:** less than 4 hours of sun per day.

**Deer resistant:** deer find some plants distasteful and are less likely to eat them. However, a hungry deer will eat almost anything.

**Cut flowers:** a good cut flower for vases or arrangements

**Butterfly/Hummingbird:** attracts butterflies & hummingbirds

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### **Sambucus:**

**Sun:** Full -Partial      **Zones:** 3-8      **Blooms:** Summer

**Height:** 72"-120"      **Spacing:** 72"-96"      **Colors:** Pink

Prefers moist soil, will tolerate acid or alkaline soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

### **Sobaria:**

**Sun:** Full      **Zones:** 2-8      **Blooms:** Early Summer

**Height:** 36"-48"      **Spacing:** 36"

**Colors:** White Flowers with Red foliage

Prefers well drained but moist and rich soil. Does well in neutral to slightly alkaline soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

### **Spirea:**

**Sun:** Full- Partial      **Zones:** 3-8      **Blooms:** Summer

**Height:** 24"-72"      **Spacing:** 24"-48"      **Colors:** White, Pink

Prefers well drained, slightly moist soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

### **Peonies:**

**Sun:** Full- Partial    **Deer Resistant:**    **Cut Flower:**

**Zones:** 3-8    **Height:** 24"-36"    **Colors:** White, Pink, Red

**Spacing:** 12"-24"    **Blooms:** Spring-Early Summer

Prefers moist, fertile, well drained soil. Dig a hole 12 to 18 inches deep and 12 inches wide. Replace part of the soil in the form of a cone and spread the roots over it. Set the roots so that the tip of the eyes (swollen pink or reddish buds) will be no deeper than 1 inch below the surface of the soil. The long thin roots face downward. If the root is planted too deep, the Peony will not bloom. Remove any winter applied mulch in the spring after the last frost.

### **Physocarpus:**

**Sun:** Full    **Blooms:** Late Spring-Early Summer

**Height:** 60"-96"    **Spacing:** 60"    **Zones:** 3-8

**Colors:** White or Pink flowers. Yellow or Crimson foliage.

Adaptable to difficult soils. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

### **Salix:**

**Sun:** Partial    **Zones:** 4-8    **Blooms:** Spring

**Height:** 60"    **Spacing:** 60"    **Colors:** Pink

Will grow in dry to occasionally wet soil. Will tolerate salt well. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

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**Zones:** These zones are our recommendations for best success. For zones 1,2,10,11 please contact us for assistance.

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### **Individual Planting Instructions**

#### **Astilbe:**

**Sun:** Partial-Shade    **Deer Resistant:**    **Zones:** 4-8

**Colors:** Pink, Purple, White, Red, Peach

**Height:** 32"-36"    **Spacing:** 18"-24"    **Blooms:** Mid-Late summer

Will tolerate moist but well-drained soil.

#### **Caryopteris:**

**Sun:** Full    **Butterfly/Hummingbird:**    **Zones:**5-8

**Colors:** Blue    **Blooms:** Late summer-Fall

**Height:** 36"    **Spacing:** 36"-60"

Drought tolerant prefers normal to sandy soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

#### **Clethra:**

**Sun:** Full- Shade    **Zones:** 4-8    **Colors:** White

**Height:** 48"-60"    **Spacing:** 24"    **Blooms:** Late summer-Fall

Will tolerate medium to wet, acidic soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

**Cornus:**

Sun: Full      Zones: 3-8      Colors: White flowers, red foliage

Height: 48”      Spacing: 48”      Blooms: Late spring-Early summer

Thrives in harsh growing conditions. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

**Dicentra:**

Sun: Partial– Shade      Zones: 3-9      Colors: Pink, White, Red

Blooms: Late spring-Early summer

Height: 24”-30”      Spacing: 24”

Prefers average, well drained but rich soil.

**Euonymus:**

Sun: Full      Zones: 5-8      Blooms: Evergreen Shrub

Height: 24”-48”      Spacing: 24”-36”      Colors: Evergreen Shrub

Prefers moist, well drained soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

**Forsythia:**

Sun: Full      Zones: 3-8      Blooms: Summer-Fall

Height: 36”-84”      Spacing: 36”-84”      Colors: Yellow

Will tolerate air pollution, prefers loose soil but is adaptable. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time.

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**Forsythia** continued:

Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

**Hemorocallis (Daylilies):**

Sun: Full– Partial      Zones: 3-8      Butterfly/Hummingbird

Colors: Yellow, White, Magenta, Purple, Pink, Red, Orange

Height: 14-24”      Spacing: 12”      Blooms: Early-late summer

Will tolerate a wide range of soils, but prefers loamy soil. Applying mulch in the summer can help conserve moisture.

**Hydrangea:**

Sun: Partial      Zones: 5-8      Blooms: Summer– Fall

Height: 36-90”      Spacing: 36-72”

Colors: Blue, White, Green, Pink, Red

Prefers well drained, moist soil. Blue blooms need Acidic soil, Pink blooms need Alkaline soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.

**Itea:**

Sun: Partial      Zones: 5-8      Butterfly/Hummingbird

Blooms: Early Summer

Height: 24”      Spacing: 36”      Colors: White

Prefers moist to wet, slightly acidic soil. Dig a hole twice the size of the rootball. Remove container, loosen roots to stimulate growth, and place the rootball in the hole spreading roots out to fill the hole. Backfill with the removed dirt, adding any compost or potting soil to the existing soil at this time. Water deeply and regularly during the first year. Mulch to retain moisture. Feed with an all purpose fertilizer in early spring and again in late summer, following application instructions.