



Spring Planted Woodland Wildflowers and Ferns

Upon Arrival: Open bags and moisten plants immediately by misting with a little water. Keep the plants somewhat moist, but not soggy, until planted. They can be planted as early as 2 weeks before your expected frost date, otherwise plant within 2-4 days of receiving them. In the spring, normal rains are enough water in most areas, but if you don't get much rain, water weekly.

These plants are best for shade and prefer rich woodland soil, see hints below for more specific details.

1. Most woodland wildflowers and ferns must have moist, rich soil and will do well in or near a clearing, but will also thrive in complete shade under tall deciduous trees. Soil can be acidic, neutral or even slightly alkaline.
2. **White Trillium** prefers neutral to slightly alkaline soil.
3. **Red Trillium** tolerates almost any type of soil.
4. **Wintergreen** prefers heavily acidic soil, so you may choose to plant them near pine trees or oak trees.
5. **Trailing Arbutus** demands heavily acidic soil. This means that planting them near oak or pine trees is best, or you can amend your soil with "Rhododendron and Azalea food" from your local garden center.
5. **Cardinal Flower** must have consistently moist soil year round.

Most of these flowers may bloom the first year they are planted if planted in the spring. We do guarantee growth the first year, but we cannot guarantee blooms until the second year. The Trillium, however, can take several more years to bloom after being planted.

How to Plant: Dig a hole slightly larger than the root mass and be sure to remove any stones nearby. Spread out the roots in the hole and sift the soil on and through the roots to fill in the hole. Once the hole is filled in, press firmly with your hands around the plant to make sure the soil is settled in. Water thoroughly once planted and make sure the plants have water weekly either from rain or by hand.

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