



Planting Guide for Perth

Summer heat and mild winters combined with sandy, low nutrient soils make gardening in Perth different from other capital cities.

It is possible, however, to grow a magnificent garden in our area with proper soil preparation and appropriate plant care. While sandy soils drain well, they do not hold onto moisture or nutrient as well as loamy soils. It is essential, even for natives, that organic material be added to sand to improve water and nutrient holding capacity.

We recommend digging a hole twice the width and twice the depth of the pot. To lessen transplanting shock, do your planting in the cool of the evening or morning. Always water the plant or seedlings before removing from the plastic pot or punnet they were purchased in.

Make a mix of one part Waldecks Pure Peat or Bio-ganic to one part original soil to surround the root ball of your new plant.

The organic matter in Peat and Bio-ganic improves drainage and air movement which is essential for healthy root development. It also encourages helpful soil organisms including earth-worms that help the plant thrive.

It is not a good practice to disturb the roots when planting. A good idea is to form a saucer shaped depression around a new plant to trap water so that it soaks in, rather than running off. Fill the saucer 3 or 4 times each time you water.

New plants need regular deep watering to establish. In summer, this may mean one or two soakings each day for a period of months, until roots have developed.

Grosorb re-wetting granules improve wettability in sand and can be applied at any time. This ensures that water stays where it's needed most - around the plants roots.

"Do it yourself" reticulation systems based on trickle or low throw sprinklers can be operated from a tap or timer unit. This makes an efficient and effective way of watering your garden. Add a timer tap and you don't have to remember to turn the water off. This ingenious device will cut off the flow after a pre-determined time. A generous layer of wood chip, pine bark, Waldecks Mulching Compost or Karri & Peat Mulch all reduce moisture loss from evaporation and weed competition.

A product called Stressguard, when sprayed over the foliage, forms a protective layer that holds moisture in the tissues of the plant. This is highly recommended when transplanting plants or for use at the hottest times of the year.

Consider it as a sunscreen for plants. When it comes to plant selection, that your local Waldecks are a mine of information about successful varieties for your local area.

Open ground planting guide:

I'm sure you will be pleasantly surprised by your success if you follow these few simple hints.

1. Soak plant in pot and allow to drain.
2. Dig a hole twice the width and twice the depth of the pot.
3. Mix one part of garden soil with one part of Bio-ganic Soil improver.
4. Gently remove plant from pot so as to avoid root disturbance.

5. Position in hole, on the layer of improved soil mixture, then back-fill around plant's root system. Plant the plant at the same level it was before.
6. Firm down the soil around the plant, creating a basin to trap water.
7. Water immediately and thoroughly.
8. Mulch can now be applied but keep it slightly away from the stem.

Waldecks container planting guide.

1. Select a suitable pot or container.
- 2 Use Waldecks Premium Indoor /Outdoor Potting Mix with Grosorb and slow release fertiliser
- 3 . Remove plant carefully from the old pot.
- 4 . Centre the plant in the new pot at the same level.
- 5 . Back-fill with potting mix and firm down gently, leaving the top of the soil 2-4 cm below the rim of pot. Mulch well.
6. Water thoroughly.

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HAPPY PLANTING!