

The Flower Shack - Planting Instructions and Guide*-- 1/20/23

Thank you for purchasing your plants from The Flower Shack. We hope you find these planting instructions and guide helpful. The Flower Shack, 1268 Mount Olivet Church Rd, Franklinton, NC 919-671-5907

Dig your hole two to three times wider than the root ball. **If your soil is clay, use fine Pine Bark Mini Nuggets in a mix with the soil from the hole. Use a generous amount of pine bark mini nuggets MIXED with the soil from the hole at the rates below.** It will mix as you refill the hole. (If your soil is sandy, use peat moss.) We sell bagged **Pine Bark Mini Nuggets** and true, rich **Topsoil**, plus mulch and soil by the yard. **Be sure to use the original soil that came out of the hole. Do NOT replace all of the soil with topsoil or some other type of soil. Doing so will create a “bathtub” or “bowl” effect and hold excess water, drowning the plant. The plant needs to be planted in the original soil that it will establish in.**
DO NOT PUT ALL of THE MINI NUGGETS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE HOLE – MIX WITH DIRT.

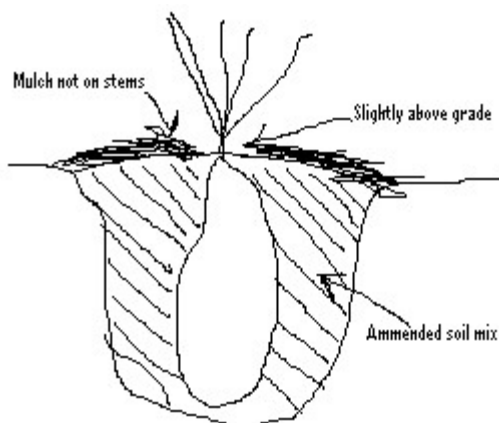
PINE BARK MINI NUGGETS Recommended rates: 3-7G: 2-3 Large Double Handful / 10-15G: 3-4 Large Double Handfuls / 20-25G: 6-7 Large Double Handfuls. This will help to aerate the soil to keep the plant from getting “wet feet” and drowning, plus will nourish the plant as the nuggets decay.

Carefully remove the plant from the container. If the roots are wound tightly around the outside of the root ball, pull on them gently to loosen them. Place the root ball in the hole. Add enough soil so the plant is slightly above the surrounding soil. Backfill the hole with the amended soil mix. Tamp firmly to remove excess air pockets. Firmly, but not too much.

Water the plant(s) in very well. Let the hose run until the area is well saturated. It is best to allow your plants to become slightly dry before repeating this process. We have seen far more plants drown than we have seen die of thirst. Mulch plants well with pine bark, pinestraw, or hardwood mulch. Be careful not to put excessive mulch against the trunk or stems of the plant. This is an invitation for pest and disease to attack the plant.

When planting in late summer or early fall -do not fertilize. A late season flush can be damaged badly by early frost. A light fertilization after our area has received a hard freeze will give your plants an early jump on spring. Your spring fertilization should occur about 2 weeks before our area’s last frost date (April 21st). If planting after our area’s last frost date, fertilize at the time of planting. A slow release fertilizer such as **Multicote® 8** is what we recommend. This is a commercial, 8 month slow release fertilizer.

We have it for sale in small bags.



Spring / Summer Planting Tips: Plants may lose some leaves or experience some wilt when summer planting, but will recover quickly once established. Planting should occur in the evening rather than in the morning or mid-day to allow for a more temperate recovery. A light tip-pruning will help to stimulate root growth when planting in the heat of the summer.

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