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Planting instructions for native plants (short version)

Native plants are acclimated to the soil in our neighborhood. No amendments/additions to your planting holes need to be made. IF you are uncomfortable with your rockhard soil add a small handful of compost or shredded mulch and mix well. Not recommended that you plant in bagged topsoil/ raised bed mix etc. No fertilizer is ever needed!

To Plant: Dig a hole approximately 8- 12 inches across and no deeper than an inch below the pot. Remove plant from pot by inverting pot and squeeze if necessary – DO NOT pull on plant to get it out of the pot. Fill some of the loose soil back in the hole until the plant sits level with the soil or a hair above. Backfill soil around the plant and press in – not too hard - use fingers. Water well until water is at surface.

Water once very three days or if plant looks weak. If it rains and the plant looks fine skip the watering.

Do not remove stems until next spring and then cut them back to 12-16 inches. Leaving the tree leaves on the plant(s) is also a great idea for overwintering beneficial insects (and seeds).

Your plants will not grow much the first summer, the second summer they will grow and the third summer they go nuts – be sure to follow the planting distances – they will fill in. The second summer the mountain mint especially will benefit from a “Chelsea” chop – cut off ¼ of the plant height immediately following Memorial Day. It will make for a less floppy plant with more blooms.

Plant Descriptions

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