

Our Plant Guarantee



Robin's Flower Pot
Garden Center & Nursery

- Perennials are guaranteed to survive the current growing season only if properly planted and maintained. Please return the plant along with your receipt for an exchange only.
- Hardy outdoor trees and shrubs will carry a replacement guarantee for one year and will be replaced with a new one of equal value. Please see list below of plants void of the guarantee. A receipt must accompany all returns along with the plant in question. All trees and shrubs are guaranteed to survive the current growing season, if proper planting and care are provided. Please read the planting instructions on reverse side.
- Please follow the planting instructions and our advice to achieve success with your newly purchased plant.
- If a plant is looking unhealthy please bring a sample in as soon as possible.
- All plant replacements are one time only with the replacement not carrying a guarantee (no cash refunds).
- All plants discounted are void of the guarantee.

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**We do carry some zone 5 plants for the people who are fortunate enough to have a microclimate in their yard to support them. There are also zone 5 plants that will survive our winters if there is sufficient snow cover. Any zone 5 plants are void of the guarantee.*

We are unable to guarantee the following list of plants in our Maine winters: All zone 5 plants, annuals, vegetables, herbs, perennials, buddleia, grapes, roses, peaches and blackberries.

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PLANTING DIRECTIONS.....

IMPORTANT: All plants should be thoroughly watered before planting; trees, shrubs and perennials may need to be soaked in a bucket of water for 30 minutes before planting to thoroughly wet the root ball. Bedding plants maybe dipped in water or a half strength solution of water and fertilizer. A dry or partially dry root ball will not soak up water once planted.

- Dig hole twice as wide and just as deep as the root ball. Mix 1/3 compost, or other organic matter with the soil you removed. A root stimulator, such as *Roots* (trees and shrubs) may be added at this time along with *Biophos* (breaks up clay soils and makes nutrients more readily available to plant roots).
- Carefully remove the plant from the container, without lifting from the trunk of the tree, shrub or stems of perennials and bedding plants (root damage can occur by lifting on the trunk). Loosen the roots on the sides and bottom of the root ball by cutting 4 shallow vertical slices and gently working the roots loose with your hands, this will eliminate circular root growth (perennials and bedding plants may only need to be loosen with your fingers).
- Set tree or shrub in the planting hole**. The top of the root ball should be slightly above ground level, this will keep the plant from being planted too deep once mulch is added. Backfill halfway with soil mix and fill planting hole with water. Use a stake to tamp soil without packing it. This will help remove air pockets, continue to backfill the hole, water and tamp. **Do not** pack soil around root ball by stepping on the freshly backfilled soil. A soil berm may be built to help hold in water. Water well once planted*.
- A 2-3" layer of mulch is recommended to hold in moisture. Always keep mulch 3" away from trunk or base of the plant.
- Newly planted trees and shrubs should not be fertilized the first year.
- When mulching keep mulch a few inches away from the plant base (trunk or stems).

PLANT CARE.....

**Water new plantings deeply once a week (1" of water per week). In the heat of the summer you may need to water more often. Check the soil under the mulch to see if watering is needed. You may water deeply by setting a hose to trickle slowly at the plant base. Allow 10 minutes of slow trickle per foot of height, or set a 5 gallon bucket filled with water at the plant base. Punch a nail size hole in the side near the bottom of the bucket, this will allow the water to trickle out slowly. Established plantings (2nd year) may need less frequent watering; always water deep with the slow trickle method.*

***Perennials should be planted at the same depth as in the pot. Bedding plants may be planted deeper or at the same level depending on the variety being planted.*

After the first year, fertilize your plants according to package directions. We recommend organic fertilizers and soil amendments, as they will help improve and build your soil over time.