

Tips for before you start planting:

- Don't buy your plants until you are ready to install them. This keeps them fresh and ready to go!
- Aim to install plants in early morning or late evening to avoid midday heat stress.
- Need some help deciding which species you want to install on your landscape? Check out the plant list in our latest edition of the [Water Smart Planting Guide](#).
- Account for the mature height and spread of each plant before installing.
- Many locally-sold plants include a warranty - ask your local nursery staff about the details.
- If you're planning to install a drip irrigation system to water your plants, install that first!
- Is your soil depth less than 6"? Install more soil so your new plant roots have room to grow.
- Give your plants an extra boost by adding amendments to the soil. When purchasing plants, consult the nursery staff on soil amendment recommendations based upon your selected species.
- Even water-smart plants can be thirsty when they're young! Be sure to give your new plants plenty of water during the first two to three growing seasons. Your landscape will be fully established and will require far less regular watering after a few growing seasons.

Plant installation in 6 easy steps:

Step 1



Dig a hole twice as wide as the plant pot and exactly as deep. This gives roots room to spread out.

Step 2



Remove plant from its container. Holding the plant at its base, use your fingers to loosen roots on its sides and base.

Step 3



Place plant in prepared hole. If the hole is too deep, backfill it until the base of the plant is situated at grade level.

Step 4



Partially fill the hole with soil and add any amendments.

Step 5



Fill the remainder of the hole with soil, gently tamp it down, and water.

Step 6



Install a 3" layer of organic wood mulch around the base of the plant. Then, supply it with one final drink of water.