

HINTS FOR SUCCESSFUL NATIVE GARDENS

SOIL: Know your soil. Dig a deep hole in your garden & have a good look at it. Is it loamy, sandy, clay, rocky? Bring some with you if you can't work it out. We recommend you add some of our NATIVE SOIL MIX to your planting area. This gives your natives a little longer to acclimatize to your existing soil. We spoil our plants a little by using our special native mix for all pots & tubes.

DRAW UP A MUD-MAP: Make a rough sketch of your garden, include measurements & existing structures. This gives the nursery staff an idea of the planting area & is easier to estimate the numbers of plants needed. Saves you coming back just to get 1 or 2 more plants.

HEIGHT YOU WANT YOUR PLANTS TO GROW TO: Think of the height that you want your mature plants to grow to, & where you want to view your garden from. Smaller plants in front leading to the taller ones at the rear so that you end up with a sloping vista.

USES FOR THE PLANTS: Do you want your plants to screen areas, create shade for your garden, have particular colors in your garden whether it be foliage or flower colour. These are things you need to have in mind before you even purchase plants.

PLANT STRESS - SEASOL: When transplanting your newly purchased natives give them an application of Seasol. This is an organic based product that helps de-stress the roots so that transplanting is not as great a shock on your plants

WATER SAVING CRYSTALS: Add a very small amount to the planting area. This acts as a backup water supply for your plants that they can access between waterings or on very hot days when they need a little extra. Read & follow instructions carefully as a little goes a long way.

FERTILISER: CHARLIE CARP IS IDEAL. This is an organic based liquid fertiliser so the plants can access the goodies immediately, unlike Blood & Bone or slow release fertilisers. Charlie Carp can also be used on all your other plants/ lawns so you only need to purchase 1 product suitable for all. You can't overdose then using Charlie Carp as you can with other fertilisers.

PRUNING: Prune back behind the flowers after flowering finishes. This reduces ugly seed pods forming & encourages lush new growth which helps create a smaller, bushier plant, with more flowers for next year. Tip pruning throughout summer & autumn will promote happier healthier plants & encourages better root development. Natives loved to be pruned. It happens naturally in the bush due to the weather & fauna. Even gums can be tip pruned at an early age to form a denser canopy creating more shade for your garden.

WATERING: You will have to water your newly planted natives daily for the first few weeks, then every 2 days for the next few weeks then every 3 days for the next few weeks again. This will slowly acclimatize them to your garden. Watch them over Summer, water a little more if they begin to wilt slightly but they then should only need watering once or twice a week thereafter.

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