

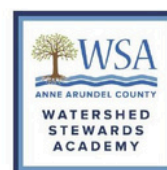
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Keep your plants watered well and in a partly shaded area until you are ready to plant. Plants should be planted within one week of receiving your kit for the best results.

1. Unroll your Garden Design Guide. Clear an area the size of the outer oval of the guide, ensuring the area is free of grass and weeds.
2. Use the landscape pins to keep the Garden Design Guide in Place. You can either leave them in the ground or reuse them when you are finished.
3. Organize plants by type, referring to labels and the Garden Design Key. Then, place each plant on its corresponding shape on the guide.
4. For each plant:
 - **Dig** a hole through the guide roughly the size of its pot.
 - **Remove** the plant from the pot. If the roots are tangled, gently loosen by carefully pulling them apart.
 - **Place** the plant into the hole, ensuring the base of the plant/top of the roots are level with the ground.
 - **Add** soil around the plant to refill the hole and pat down firmly.
5. **Mulch.** When adding mulch, it should be about 2-3 inches in height.
 - Spread mulch on all blank areas of the guide in between plants.
 - Do not mulch on top of the plants - this would prevent water from reaching the roots.
 - Spread additional mulch around the plants, extending out from the oval outline about 6 inches.
 - After mulching, remove any excess paper by cutting the guide.
6. Water your new native plants well - about 30 seconds of watering for each plant.
7. Sit back and admire all of your hard work!

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MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure to water twice a week for the first 3 months, unless it rains for more than 30 minutes. Then, water as needed during dry spells or when plants are wilting. You do not need to water in the winter.
2. Monitor for weeds once a month- pull weeds as soon as you see them!
3. In fall, when plants go dormant, it is a good idea to leave them alone to support wildlife who use the seedheads and stems for food and cover. If you prefer to cut them back, please be sure to leave at least 8-10 inches of stem available for pollinators. This will also help you remember where plants are in spring!
4. In April, trim stems back to 6–8 inches and replace mulch as needed. Throughout the spring, observe your garden - some plants will emerge earlier than others. Once all plants have emerged, fill in any bare areas with mulch.
5. Water as needed. Once established, (after the second growing season) you will not need to water as frequently. Tip: continue water during dry spells, especially if you notice wilting.

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