

Congrats on your new plants!  
These general guidelines will help you succeed with almost any plant. Down the road, be sure to look up specific needs that yours might have.

## PLAN

Lets go over a few basics for outdoor plants:

**Annuals** bloom continuously for 1 season.

**Perennials** live multiple years w/ good care.

**Deciduous** plants drop their leaves in winter.

**Evergreen** plants keep their leaves in winter.

**Cold-Hardiness** - Any perennial, tree or shrub rated "zone 8" or lower will usually survive Seattle winters in the ground. In a pot, look for "zone 6" or lower. Be sure to consider your own microclimate!

For best results, you'll want to put the  
**"Right Plant in the Right Place."**

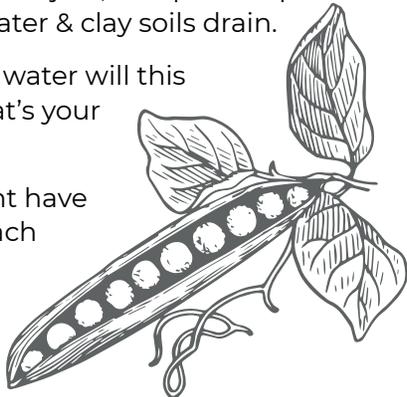
**LIGHT** Does your plant need **full sun** (at least 6 hrs of direct sunlight hitting the leaves), **part sun** (4-6 hrs), or **shade** (morning or filtered light only)?

For indoor plants, it's a little different. Note both the duration and amount of light, whether it's bright or more indirect.

**SOIL** Is your soil too heavy/too sandy for this plant? If you need to adjust, compost helps sandy soils retain water & clay soils drain.

**WATER** How much water will this plant need and what's your watering plan?

**SPACE** Will the plant have enough room to reach its mature size?



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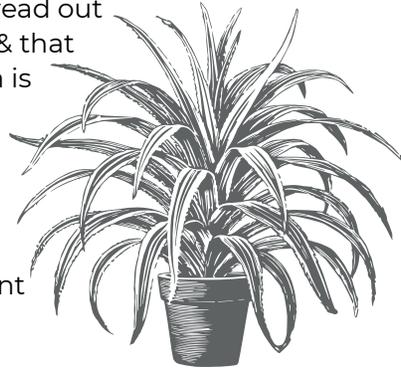
**Water** beforehand to prevent shock and make the roots more pliable.

**Dig** a hole or prep your container. Keep in mind that plants should remain at the same depth that they are at in their nursery pots.

To **remove**, squeeze the pot gently until the plant comes free. Do not tug. Then gently loosen the roots with your fingers. They should be dangling free, not pot-shaped, when you plant.

**Place** the plant, adjusting height as needed, and fill in gently with well packed soil. Make sure roots stay spread out & pointing down, & that your planting area is level to or slightly lower than the ground, not mounded up.

Give your new plant a good **soak**.

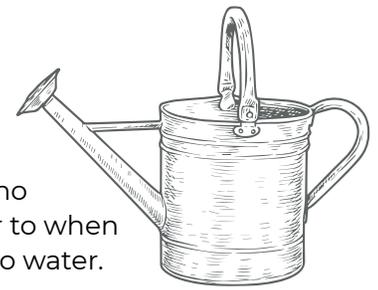


## AMEND & FERTILIZE

Compost and organic fertilizers are the foundation of your plant-care plan. (For indoor plants, just the fertilizer will do!) All plants need steady supplies of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, plus other nutrients and minerals found in fertilizers. Amendments like compost and/or lime create the right habitat for plants and their symbiotic insects & fungi to thrive.

## WATER

Sadly, there is no precise answer to when or how much to water.



*Our best general advice:* Water whenever the soil is dry, and aim to water more deeply and less often. When the soil is dry to the touch 2" inches down, it's time for a nice, deep soak.

If your soil has enough compost and protective mulch on top, you should only need to water established perennial plants (as well as trees & shrubs) 1-2 times per week if you are watering deeply enough, even in the summer.

New plantings, vegetables, plants in sandy soil, and plants with shallow roots will need to be watered more often.

Drought-tolerant plants and plants in clay soil may need to be watered less often. Keep in mind that drought-tolerant plants still need supplemental water for one or two years after planting, but will need very little if any supplemental water after that.

*For indoor plants & outdoor containers,* make sure they have good drainage, and always err on the side of caution. Water-logging (too much love) is often a more fatal and less easily remedied problem than dehydration for plants in poorly-draining containers.





As always, we are here to help! For now, just have fun and trust your own instincts. Be observant as your plant settles into its new home, & don't worry too much! Plants will flourish easily if we meet a few simple needs.

**Remember:**  
**Work with nature,**  
**not against it!**

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## General Planting Guide

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