

## **GREAT TIPS ON PLANTING ANNUALS**

Do not plant annuals in the garden or in outdoor pots until the danger of frost is past, or the soil temperature is 60 degrees.

Buy short, stocky, dark green plants that are not yet in full bloom. Large plants in full bloom are more fussy to transplant.

During hot weather, plant annuals in the evening when the temperature is cooler.

Most annuals are grown in containers with individual compartments for each plant. Remove plants by gently pushing on the sides and bottom of the compartment. Do not pull the plant out by the stem. The root system must be loosened from the container first. Try to plant annuals as soon as possible after purchasing. Annuals allowed to sit around may be damaged by sun or dryness and may not recover.

For annuals that are in peat pots, tear off the top of peat pots or bury them completely at planting time. If any of the peat pot sticks out of the soil it acts like a wick and dries out the rest of the pot. Because of this, you must make sure the pot is completely under the soil. Roots have a difficult time getting through the dry, brittle peat and your annual will perish.

Plant annuals in the garden or in outdoor planters at the same level they were growing at in the flat or container. Some individual plants have deeper planting depths suggested on their tag description.

Be sure to check the tag on your annuals to see if they need sun, shade or sun/shade and what type of soil they thrive the most in. Following these guidelines will lead to greater success.

Once your annuals have been planted, they need to be watered.



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