

# Summer Planting Guide

Planting during our warm summer months requires a few simple safeguards to ensure a successful transplanting and fresh, vigorous growth in your plant's new home.

- Check your plants daily during the first 8-12 week establishment period, even more often when it is hot.
- Water plants preferably before they show a need.
- If you have a sprinkler system, do not depend on the sprinklers to provide adequate water for recent transplants. Water from a sprinkler may not penetrate the entire root zone and the plants will slowly decline. Supplement with a hose.

## SHRUBS AND TREES

Follow our planting guidelines for digging the planting hole. Pre-moisten this hole with water and thoroughly water the plant itself. For best results, use both **Liquinox Start Vitamin B-1**. After all water has drained from the hole, rough up its surface and continue to follow our planting instruction guide.

When you have completed filling the soil mixture around the plant, build a small, circular dam around the plant, large enough to hold 1 to 5 gallons of water, (Depending on plant size.) Water slowly but thoroughly by trickle-flooding within the dam.

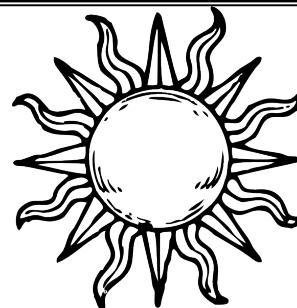
Remember, all of our plants are guaranteed to grow. Please follow Alden Lane Nursery's guidelines for continued success in your garden. And call us the first moment you are concerned.

## BEDDING PLANTS AND GROUND COVERS

These starter plants have very small root systems and require extra moisture to get established. During the warm season, special attention will ensure success. You may need to water 2-3+ times per day to provide adequate moisture. If you can't plant the same day you bring your plants home, place them in a sheltered location and keep them well-watered. This may require several waterings a day to keep them alive. Plant them ASAP, within 2 days at the most.

## HANGING BASKETS

Plants in hanging containers are more exposed to the elements. You may need to check your plants 2-3 times per day. On especially hot days you might consider taking them down and setting them in a cooler, more protected spot.



### IMPORTANT TIPS!

1. Avoid planting on excessively hot days (over 95 degrees).
2. Plant the same day or the next day after purchase.
3. Water plants in their nursery containers when you get home and immediately before planting.
4. Pre-moisten the planting hole and water thoroughly after planting.
5. Keep plants evenly moist. You might have to water 2-3 times a day if they are small.
6. Don't rely on automatic irrigation for the first week or in excess heat; check plants daily and water if needed.
7. For added protection, spray **Wilt Stop** on leaves to reduce water loss (don't spray plants with hairy leaves).



**Alden Lane Nursery**

981 Alden Lane · Livermore, CA 94550 · (925) 447-0280 · [aldenlane.com](http://aldenlane.com)

K:\Garden Care Guides\Summer Planting Guide.doc