



General Planting Guide

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Amending Soil

- For amending hard/clay soil: mix in pumice rock, sand or Gary's Best Top Pot/Acid Mix 50/50 with existing soil.
- Anything organic (bark/compost/ mulch) works best on top of the soil and should never be mixed underground around the plant's roots. It will cause root-rot.

Fertilizing

- Organic fertilizers are slow to start (break down in a few weeks) but are better for plant and soil health in the long run.
- For new plants, apply fertilizers after planting; scratch it into the surface, no further than 2 inches deep.
- Chemical/synthetic fertilizers, like Osmocote, work within days and last up to 6 months.

Choosing the Right Soil

Good Permanent Potting Soils/Amendments

- Good for long living plants like fruiting/ornamental trees, perennial shrubs/herbs, succulents & all others.
- Can be reused as long as crop rotation is considered.
- Consist of:
 - Sand/Silt/Clay
 - Pumice/Perlite Rock
 - Peat Moss
 - Charcoal
 - Vermiculite
 - Rice Hulls

Poor Potting Soils/Amendments

- Not recommended for any plantings or will cause root rot.
- Belongs on the top layer above the roots only, mimicking nature's natural duff layer.
- Must be renewed or replaced with each crop.
- Consist of:
 - Forest Products/Bark/Mulch
 - Compost/Manure/Fertilizer
 - SawDust/Wood Chips

Come to our FREE gardening classes every Saturday morning

- 9:15am hosted by expert horticulturist Gary Matsuoka (length of classes will vary with every subject, usually 1-2 hours).
- Attendance is free with no reservations required. Classes are live streamed and viewable on Youtube under Gary's Best Gardening.
- For more information, visit our website www.lagunahillsnursery.com.
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website for coupons, new arrivals and helpful gardening tips.

Gary's Best Potting Soils and Amendments

Gary's Best Acid Mix

- Contains peat moss and pumice rock 50/50.
- Permanent mixture, sterile.
- Retains moisture and good drainage.
- PH approx. 5.5.
- Best for amending compact clay soils.
- Best for blueberries, azaleas, camellias, gardenias, roses, vegetables & more.
- Reusable considering crop rotation.

Gary's Best Top Pot

- Contains peat moss, pumice rock, perlite, sand & charcoal.
- Permanent mixture (does NOT shrink.)
- Excellent drainage (impossible to over-water.)
- PH between 6-6.5.
- Best for containers/pots/raised beds.
- Best for succulents, fruit trees, natives, palms, plumerias, houseplants & more.
- Reusable considering crop rotation.

LHN Guarantee and Returns

We guarantee that plants purchased are true to type.

We will replace at our discretion or provide store credit, when trees, shrubs, or vines are returned within 6 months or purchased due to poor performance or death. Plants must have received adequate irrigation to be eligible.

Any returned items must be accompanied by a receipt, or the purchase must be in the system, or it will not be accepted. Any item sold at a discount cannot be returned for any reason.

- If you are concerned about the health of the plant, send a picture of it to lnhhelp@gmail.com. (We try to save the plant before it dies.)
- Plants can be returned for full refund at any time if mis-labeled.
- Bedding Plants: Due to short shelf life, can be returned within 10 days of purchase.
- Bare Root Plants: Are guaranteed (cash back, or replaced if in stock) 90 days or more, to sprout and grow. Container Plants: Can be returned within 30 days if in good condition. Can be replaced (no refund) if dies within 90 days. Can be replaced within 1 year at management's discretion, with a potting fee.
- Pesticides Can be returned within 30 days if not opened (seal is not broken).
- Fertilizers Can be returned within 30 days if not opened.
- Hardware, Tools Can be returned within 20 days if not opened or used. Can be replaced within 90 days if the product fails.
- Pots can be returned within 30 days if not used or broken.

Caring for your plant before transplanting

- If you do not have time to transplant immediately, provide extra care and extra water in the beginning.
- Do not let plants dry out. (Small containers may need water every day.)
- Do not leave plants in a hot vehicle.
- Read, ask, or research about shade/sun requirements.
- Make sure to acclimate plants that have been in shade or greenhouse to full sun slowly.

Planting your new plant

- Dig a hole just as deep and twice as wide as the root-ball of the plant.
- Carefully remove plant from pot by turning it upside down and holding the top with one hand and removing the pot with the other hand; or, cut the pot off around the plant to prevent roots from being disturbed.
- Create a moat around the plant to prevent runoff.
- Water 3 or more times until the area is saturated.
- Fertilize on top, around the plant .
- Rotate crops in order to prevent replant syndrome.

Watering

- When transferring original plant to a container or the ground, water 3-4 times until entire area is saturated.
- Water thoroughly when transplanted in order for roots to re-establish (In summer every day for about 1 month).
- Water when the top appears dry.
- Once established, water regular plants 3-4 times per week.
- Succulents/drought tolerant plants 1-2 per week. Keep an eye out for wilting leaves.
- Drip watering saves money (a little water every day is better than a deep soak 2-3 times per week).
- Allow leaves to dry before the sun sets to prevent mildew or diseases.
- Sprinklers or drip: set timer for 3-5 mins. morning, and again at noon.
- Plants dry out faster in small containers/pots.