

# Top tips for landscape planting success

## Plant “fresh”

- Work on a plan with your grower for realistic timing on pre-season delivery
- Note that root bound plants suffer more transplant shock (depending on the species)

## Know your soil – pH & Salts

- Strive for greater air porosity – you’ll want more air than water!
  - Organic matter increases air porosity
- Soil pH, or how tight nutrients hold to soil (pH “range”)
  - Less than 6.0 = Nutrients leached = Small leaves, marginal chlorosis
  - Greater than 7.5 = Nutrients bound tight = Young leaf chlorosis, stunting
- Low EC: Causes small, weak plants
- High EC: Causes marginal necrosis (brown edges) and stunted plants

## Watering – 50% of landscape water is wasted

- More plants die due to overwatering than to under watering
- Reduce water as plants fill in the beds
- When leaves touch, they’ve had enough!

## Fertilization – 3 elements to promote plant health and growth

- N (nitrogen): “Gas” to grow
- P (phosphorus): Stem stretch, roots and flowering
- K (potassium): “Tone”, how rigid the plant is

## Plant for success – Avoid soil compaction!

- Small beds
  - Cultivate the soil before planting
  - When possible, work from perimeter – stay out of the bed
  - Avoid “knee blight” – kneeling compacts the soil
- Large beds
  - Cultivate from the center out and plant as you go, cultivate the edge and plant as you go or work from one side to the other
- Moisture content of plant tray soil should match the moisture content of the destination bed soil
- Match crown of plant to the soil level (like you would a tree!)

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## WHAT TO ORDER WHEN

	NORTHEAST & MIDWEST	WEST COAST	SOUTH & SOUTHEAST
JAN	PRE-BOOK Fall mums now for best availability.	PRE-BOOK Fall cyclamen, poinsettias and mums now for best availability.	PRE-BOOK Fall cyclamen and mums now for best availability.
FEB	ORDER Spring and Summer seasonal color.	ORDER Spring and warm-season color, plus Fall perennials.	ORDER Spring and Summer seasonal color, plus Fall perennials.
MAR	ORDER Fall perennials.		
APR	ORDER Fall mums.	ORDER Fall mums.	ORDER Fall mums.
MAY			
JUN	ORDER Fall pansies, accents, cabbage and kale.	ORDER Fall pansies, poinsettias, cyclamen and other cool-season color.	ORDER Fall pansies and other seasonal color.
JUL			
AUG			PRE-BOOK Spring perennials now for best availability.
SEP		PRE-BOOK Spring and warm-season color, plus Fall perennials for best availability.	ORDER Spring seasonal color. PRE-BOOK Fall perennials for best availability.
OCT	PRE-BOOK Spring perennials.		
NOV	ORDER Spring perennials.	ORDER Spring and warm-season color.	ORDER Summer seasonal color.
DEC	PRE-BOOK Spring and Summer seasonal color and Fall pansies now for best availability.		