



I picked up my bareroot plants... now what?

If you will be planting within 2 days, make sure the packing materials still have moisture, seal back up the bag and place it in a cool, dark place.

Take the time to heel in your plants if they will not be planted for more than 2 days.

- 1 Heel in plants by placing the entire bundle in a large pot or hole.
- 2 Surround the roots with soil or damp mulch.
- 3 Once the roots are fully covered and there are no large air pockets, water the plants.

Roots may begin to grow together if left heeled in for an extended period of time during the growing season. See our Heeling in Bareroot Plants Fact Sheet for additional details.

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If you are ready to plant:

- 1 Take your plants out of the bag.
- 2 Place them into a bucket of water to soak for up to an hour.
- 3 Protect roots from sun and wind while you dig the hole.
- 4 Choose a good place for your plants to live based on their sun and water requirements.
- 5 Consider the planting area's year-round conditions when determining a final location.
- 6 Prepare the planting location by removing sod or weeds from the area.
- 7 Dig a hole that is as deep and wide as the root system.
- 8 Place the bareroot plant in the hole. Make sure all roots are going down or out, not up.
- 9 Fill hole with the dirt you removed to create the hole. Make sure to remove large rocks and sod as you do so.
- 10 Add a ring of mulch around the edge of the hole.
- 11 Water well.

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