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### Planting tips -

- Main requirement at planting is to encourage plant roots to grow deep rather than shallow so the planting hole needs to be a bit deeper rather than wider – this then ensures the plants roots can grow down in to the cool, moist subsoil rather than stay at the top where it can be hot and dry.
- **Garden Mate** needs to be added to bottom of the hole, mixed with some original soil and then watered in to create a slurry – this will stimulate new roots and break subsoil compaction allowing the roots to grow deep.
- For seedlings just a dusting in the planting hole is sufficient.
- Remove plant from its pot or bag and place on top of the slurry and backfill with existing soil and water well, aged compost can be added if desired – it is okay to lightly tease the roots of larger plants but best practice not to touch seedlings.
- Do not use fertiliser at least until plants are established to minimise potential new root damage or inhibition – apply Garden Delight around the soil at planting to stimulate and strengthen new roots and supply nutrition at the same time.
- Apply required Earthlife product, high in calcium and silica and low in N.P.K, after two to three weeks – products with supplemental N.P.K, like Flower, Fruit and Lawn Blend, can be used as the plant grows.
- Plants establish better when watered only when plant is starting to show signs of wilt and then given a good drench – regular light watering can lead to shallow root system and water dependence.
- Some plants may wilt in heat of the day but be fine when in the evening – good gardening is 50% observation.

