

DAYLILY CARE SHEET

WHERE TO PLANT

Most daylilies bloom best in full sun but will tolerate part-shade conditions. At least six hours of sun a day is best for maximum bloom. Any good garden soil is appropriate for growing daylilies. They prosper in well-drained soil.

HOW TO PLANT

Space your plants approximately 18 to 24” apart. New plants, especially those shipped, should be soaked for a few hours or overnight in water. Your daylilies should be planted within a day or two of receipt. Soil should be worked into a good loose condition to a depth of at least one-foot. Dig a hole larger than the root mass. Make a mound in the center of the hole and set the plant in place with the roots spread on each side of the mound. Fill the hole with good loose growing medium. This gives the roots a chance to grow rapidly and become established. New plants need to be planted about as deep as they originally were grown. (Band of white indicates the part which was underground or under mulch.) The crown (where the foliage and roots join) should never be more than one inch below the surface of the soil. Water well and continue to water at least twice a week thereafter until the plant is established.

CARE OF YOUR DAYLILIES

Keep your plants clean of debris and dead material. This will discourage insect infestation. Fertilize with a low nitrogen fertilizer late summer or fall if you wish. Deadheading the spent blooms will make a neater looking garden. Mulch around the base of the plants the first winter. We recommend maintaining mulch around your plants year-round in order to control weeds, hold moisture, and add organic matter to your soil.

DIVIDING YOUR DAYLILIES

Daylilies usually multiply fast and need to be divided after a few years. The entire clump should be dug, shaking or washing off the soil without damaging the root system. This exposes the roots and makes it easy to see how many divisions you can make. Cut back the leaves to about 8” from the crown in an upside down “V” shape. The clump then may be divided with a good strong knife unless it is possible to simply pull apart the individual plants. Try to save as much of the root system as possible. After it is divided the newly separated plants are ready to be planted. Anytime daylilies are planted or divided, planting during the cooler part of the day is recommended.

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