

PERENNIAL FACT SHEET 2021 KCD Native Plant Sale

PERENNIAL PLUGS

Native perennials are ideal for supporting native pollinators, such as bumblebees and hummingbirds. The seed heads are an excellent source of food for birds. The perennials you have purchased from the KCD Native Plant Sale were grown as plugs. Plugs are grown in narrow cylindrical shaped containers which produce deep healthy rooted plants that are easy to grow and establish. These plugs have been removed from their containers, placed in bundles and wrapped in plastic. If you cannot plant them right away, water them lightly to keep the roots moist until planting. You can find the preferred soil and light conditions for each species described on the plant sale page at <https://kitsapcd.org/plant-sale>.



PLANTING

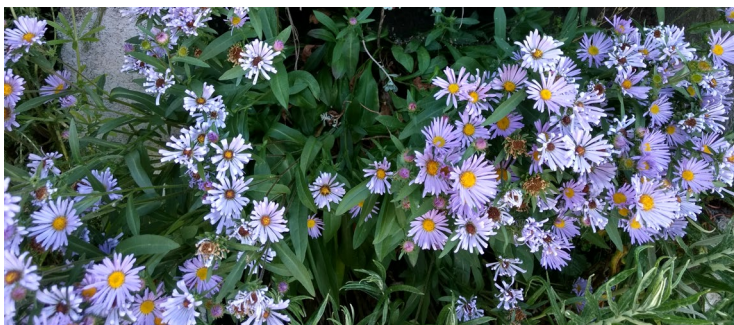
Clear the planting area of weeds. Dig a planting hole that is as long as the roots and slightly wider. A narrow shovel or long trowel works well for this. Roughen the sides of the hole. Unwrap the plug, gently loosen the roots and place it into the planting hole. Make sure the roots are pointing straight down and the crown of the plant is level with the surrounding soil. Fill the hole with native soil, lightly compacting the soil around the plant roots as you go. Water thoroughly and cover the surface with approximately 2" to 3" of mulch, such as shredded wood chips.

MAINTENANCE

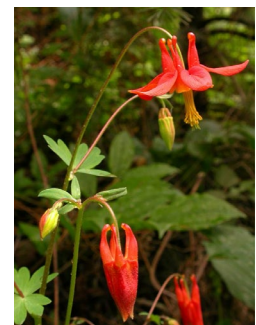
Keep the area around your newly planted perennials free of weeds. Water about once a week during the first one to two summers, and after that as needed. Watering frequency will depend on the weather. There is a good chance the perennials will bloom the first year.



Pioneer Violet
Ben Legler



Showy Fleabane
Jenny Morgan



Western Columbine
Ben Legler