

PERENNIAL FACT SHEET 2023 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. Plug plants are small seedlings grown in individual containers that vary in size and are about half the volume of a standard 4" pot. They may have limited top growth due to the time of year they are distributed. 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>.



Typical plug size

PLANTING

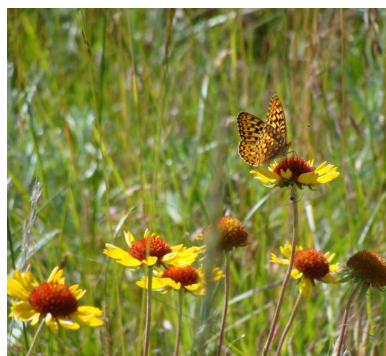
Clear the planting area of weeds. Dig a planting hole that is as long as the roots and slightly wider. A narrow shovel or long trowel works well for this. Roughen the sides of the hole. Remove the plug from the container and gently loosen the roots, then place it into the planting hole. Make sure the 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 1" to 2" of mulch (such as shredded wood chips). Be sure not to bury the plant stem with the mulch.

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.



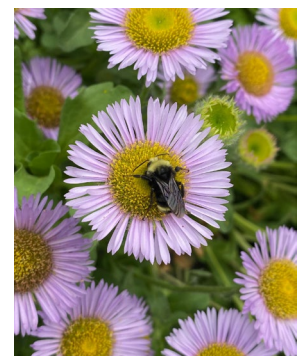
Common Camas
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Beach Fleabane
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