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Tips on planting your new plants.

PREPARATION FOR PLANTING

Rotavate / dig ground and remove stones over 50mm in any dimension.
Remove existing unwanted plants including their roots.

SOIL CONDITIONING

Apply and lightly dig into the surface one of the following:

- -well rotted farmyard manure at a rate of 5kg/m²;
- -concentrated bagged animal manure;
- -well rotted leaf-mould or spent mushroom compost

FERTILISER

Incorporate bonemeal at the rate of 70g/m² into the topsoil.

PLANT HANDLING, DELIVERY AND STORAGE: to be as recommended in the National Plant Specification. Phase the delivery of plants so that there is only sufficient for planting within 48hrs of delivery or, if necessary, ensure suitable temporary storage before final planting by heeling in or lining out.

PREPARATION OF PLANTS

Remove inorganic containers.
Check for damage, disease or pest infestation.
Reject seriously damaged plants.
Carefully prune any minor root damage.

PLANT :

- -in position shown on the drawings or in the absence of drawings space evenly;
- -at the rate specified, avoiding regimented rows;
- -in holes large enough to allow adequate root spread and tease out congested root balls of container-grown plants.
- -Excavate holes at least 75mm below the root system and a min. 400mm for climbers.
- -Set plants so that their original soil level matches the new surrounding ground; and
- -with their best side displayed.



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BACKFILLING Add 600g/m³ of bonemeal to stimulate root growth. Any additional imported organic matter should be well mixed with at least an equal quantity of existing soil. The backfill is to be evenly worked round the roots and well heeled in.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLANTING

Lightly prune back any damaged or malformed growth.
Rake soil to an even, fine tilth to the required levels.

PLANT BULBS:

- -under plugs of turf when in existing grassed areas;
- -grouped at random for naturalised bulbs;
- -with the base of bulb at the correct depth for the species and in contact with the soil;
- -with fine, stone-free topsoil backfill.

PLANTING SEASON

Plant out non-container grown plants only between October and March inclusive unless otherwise agreed.

Container grown or containerised plants may be planted out at any time of year except when the temperature is below 4°C on a falling thermometer, in frozen or waterlogged ground or in drought conditions.

WATERING

Saturate the root ball of container grown plants before planting.

Thoroughly water plants immediately after planting and again before mulching.

MULCHING

Fork soil to a medium tilth in the areas to be mulched. Apply 75mm of mulch with mature and coarse wood or bark chips before Practical Completion.