

## Daylily Planting Guide

**T**hank you for choosing Dutch Gardens. The bareroot daylilies you have received are top-quality plants that have been closely inspected and carefully handled to ensure they arrive in good condition. These simple care instructions will help you get the most from your daylilies.

Should you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-950-4470.

### Care Upon Arrival

For best results, plant your daylilies within a few days of delivery. The sooner you plant them, the sooner they will begin to grow and establish themselves in your garden. If you need to delay planting for a few days, open the plastic bags and place your daylilies in a cool place. It's important to prevent the roots from drying out. Simply mist them with a little water as needed.

### Where to Plant

Daylilies tolerate partial shade, but bloom most freely when planted in an area that receives at least six hours of direct sun each day. In warm climates, choose a location where the plants will be sheltered from hot afternoon sun. Daylilies can be planted almost anywhere in the home landscape. Their colorful flowers and decorative, straplike

green foliage provide interest in perennial borders, along fences or walkways, and near ponds. You can even plant them in large containers.

### Soil Preparation

Daylilies are among the easiest perennials to grow. They can tolerate a wide range of soil types and are not too fussy about growing conditions. To get your daylilies off to a good start and ensure many years of beautiful flowers, it's worth taking a little extra time to prepare your soil. Here's how:

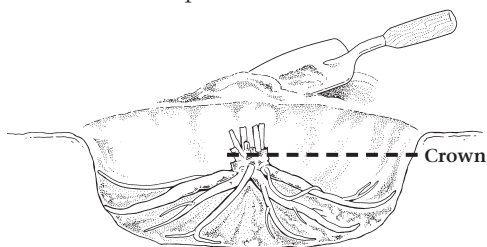
1. Dig a planting hole, about 12 inches deep and 12 inches wide, and loosen the soil in the hole.
2. Add about four inches of compost (or other organic matter) and a handful of granular, slow-release fertilizer—such as DUTCH GARDENS PERFORMANCE PLUS. The addition of organic matter and fertilizer will improve fertility, drainage and overall soil health.
3. Thoroughly mix the fertilizer into the planting hole.
4. Once the soil is prepared, rake it level and dig a hole to accommodate each plant.

### Planting

After preparing the soil, follow these planting instructions:

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1. Dig a shallow hole that is wide enough to accommodate the spread of the roots and deep enough to place the crown — the point at which all the roots come together—at the soil surface.
2. Hold the plant in the planting hole and gently spread the roots downward in the prepared hole.
3. Backfill with enough soil to barely cover the crown of the plant.
4. Water the area thoroughly.
5. Allow 12 to 18 inches of space between plants.



## Routine Care

Daylilies require minimal care. Follow these simple steps to keep them healthy and productive.

### Watering

As your plants are getting established in your garden, it's important to water them regularly, if rainfall

is insufficient. After they are established in your garden, water during periods of drought, especially during the flowering season.

### Spring Cleanup

Early each spring, simply remove all of the previous year's faded foliage. The new growth will emerge from beneath the soil surface. Remove spent flower stalks and faded foliage throughout the growing season to keep plants looking tidy. Apply mulch, such as shredded bark, around plants to suppress weeds and maintain even soil temperature and moisture.

### Dividing

Daylilies usually require division every four to six years. You can tell it's time to divide when your plants appear crowded or if you notice decreased flower production. Daylilies can be divided at any time during the year, but the best times are early fall and early spring. Dig the entire clump from the garden, retaining as many roots as possible. Divide the plant into portions, gently pulling or cutting clumps away from the main plant. Each division should contain a number of healthy shoots and roots. Replant as soon as possible.

## We wish you a successful gardening season!

For more information on daylilies, please visit our website at [www.dutchgardens.com](http://www.dutchgardens.com). Click on How-To to find the article "Growing Daylilies."



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