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PLANTABLE PEAT POTS

Peat Pots vs. Plastic Pots

Peat Pots are identified by their cardboard or paper-like appearance, as opposed to plastic. Peat Pots are biodegradable planting vessels that are planted directly into the ground to minimize transplant shock. The porous nature of peat pots allows roots to grow through them. As the pots decompose, they build up the soil around the roots.

Plants that are prone to root disturbance benefit from peat pots. Because of their biodegradable nature, peat pots only last a few seasons out of the ground.

Planting

Peat pots are meant to be planted directly into the ground with the plant inside. Follow these steps to ensure proper planting:

1. Dig a hole twice as wide and just as deep as the soil level in the pot.
2. Cut a large X across the bottom of the pot to allow roots to move into the soil. The pots are thick and hard to cut, so use a sharp knife and be careful.
3. Place pot in the planting hole. Be sure to support the bottom to keep soil in place. Make sure soil level in the pot is equal to the ground's soil level.
4. Once positioned, slice the side of the pot all around to allow exits for roots to grow laterally. Cut all the way through, from the bottom to 2/3 up the side. Make sure the pot does not fall apart so as not to disturb the roots.
5. Backfill hole with amended soil (usually mix of 2/3 native soils to 1/3 compost) to the top of the vertical cuts.
6. Cut and remove the top lip of the pot to below the soil level so that when finished planting, it is not visible.
7. Finish backfilling to the proper level.
8. Water deeply. Follow regular watering schedules as per local conditions.

