

Bamboo Planting Instructions

Bamboo plants thrive in soil that is slightly acidic, has good drainage and is relatively loose. The better the soil the better the results so be sure to add additional organic matter when planting your bamboo.

Supplies

If your soil is very sandy, use a mix of:

- 1 bag of potting soil (40 lbs)
- 1 bag of Peat Moss (1 cubic foot)
- 1 bag of organic compost (40 lbs)
- 1 bag of cypress or eucalyptus mulch

Planting Directions

- Select a site that receives adequate sunlight for the species to be grown, the more sun the better for growth. Allow room for the clump to mature, leaving space between plant and room on the back and the sides.

- The hole should be twice the size of the root ball and 10 inches deeper.

- After excavating the dirt, fill the bottom third with compost and then add some soil so the roots don't directly touch but will grow into the nutrients over time.

- Mix the rest of the soil with the remaining compost from the bag and add 1/3rd of the bag of S. Peat and plant the root ball so it is even with the ground.

- Finish the planting by top dressing the area with a healthy amount of cypress or eucalyptus mulch and add the remaining S. Peat. The mulch can touch the culms, unlike a tree trunk.

- Water the new plant well to remove any air pockets. Water should drain freely and there should not be standing water after a few minutes.

- Water 4 – 5 times weekly for the 1st month if not planted during the growing season (May – Oct.).

- Mist the leaves daily for the first two weeks with a garden hose to minimize shock and to get your plant established.

