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## New Plant Care Guide

*A fillable guide for giving new shrubs and perennials a healthy start.*

Plant Name:

Variety:

Date Planted:

Planting Location:

Sun Exposure:

Hardiness Zone:

### 1 Before Planting

- ☐ Confirm the site has the right amount of sun for this plant.
- ☐ Check the mature height and width so the plant has room to grow.
- ☐ Make sure the planting area drains well after rain.
- ☐ Water the plant in its container before planting.
- ☐ Gather a shovel, hose, mulch, and any needed soil amendment.

### 2 Planting Day Checklist

- ☐ Dig the hole no deeper than the root ball and two to three times as wide.
- ☐ Remove the plant carefully and loosen circling roots if needed.
- ☐ Set the top of the root ball level with, or slightly above, the surrounding soil.
- ☐ Backfill mostly with the soil removed from the hole.
- ☐ Water deeply to settle the soil and remove air pockets.
- ☐ Add 2-3 inches of mulch, keeping it away from the stem or trunk.

### 3 Planting Details

Hole width:

Hole depth:

Mulch depth:

Initial watering:

Soil condition:

Fertilizer used:

Weather:



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## New Plant Watering & Care Tracker

Use this page during the first eight weeks after planting.

### 1 Watering Basics

- ☐ Check soil moisture before watering.
- ☐ Water deeply so moisture reaches the root zone.
- ☐ Water in the morning when possible.
- ☐ Adjust for rainfall, heat, wind, and soil type.
- ☐ New plants may need more frequent checks during hot Southern weather.

### 2 Eight-Week Care Log

| Week | Date | Rainfall | Watered | Soil Check | Notes / Plant Response |
|------|------|----------|---------|------------|------------------------|
| 1    |      |          |         |            |                        |
| 2    |      |          |         |            |                        |
| 3    |      |          |         |            |                        |
| 4    |      |          |         |            |                        |
| 5    |      |          |         |            |                        |
| 6    |      |          |         |            |                        |
| 7    |      |          |         |            |                        |
| 8    |      |          |         |            |                        |

### 3 Signs to Watch

- ☐ Wilting that does not improve after watering
- ☐ Yellowing, spotting, or dropping leaves
- ☐ Standing water or constantly soggy soil
- ☐ Broken stems, pest damage, or animal damage

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## New Plant Progress & Notes

Record growth, problems, and follow-up care throughout the first season.

### 1 Plant Progress Check-In

#### 30-Day Check-In

Date:

☐ New growth is visible

☐ Plant looks stable and healthy

☐ Needs attention

Notes:

#### 60-Day Check-In

Date:

☐ New growth is visible

☐ Plant looks stable and healthy

☐ Needs attention

Notes:

#### End-of-Season Check-In

Date:

☐ New growth is visible

☐ Plant looks stable and healthy

☐ Needs attention

Notes:

### 2 Care Actions Taken

☐ Adjusted watering

☐ Added or refreshed mulch

☐ Staked or supported plant

☐ Treated pests or disease

☐ Pruned damaged growth

☐ Contacted nursery or extension office

### 3 Plant Care Reference

Expected mature size:

Normal bloom season:

Pruning time:

Special care notes: