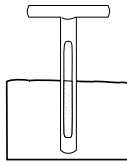


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Follow these step-by-step rules for success...

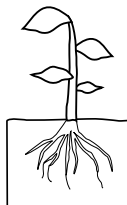
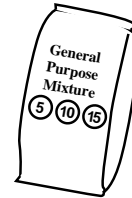


Have your soil tested.

Preparing your soil is the most important step in gardening. Use the soil test results as a guide for adjusting pH and nutrients.

Add fertilizer and/or lime, as recommended.

Till materials at least 5 inches into the soil. Remove stones, weeds, and debris.

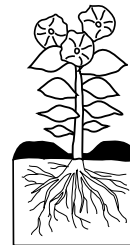


Your soil is now ready for your annual transplants.

Mix a starter solution (2 tablespoons of high-phosphorous fertilizer to 1 gallon water). Pour 1 cup of the solution around the roots. Add 2 to 3 inches of mulch on top of the soil.

Plants need special attention after they are established.

When plants begin to flower, sprinkle 2 tablespoons of high-nitrogen fertilizer on soil about 6 inches from the base of each plant. This enhances flowering and gives plants a boost.



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