



# Planting Your Pollinator Patch

Thank you for ordering a pollinator patch kit! Here's how to get started.

**First, pick a sunny spot—at least 6 hours of direct sun each day. Make sure plants are well watered.**

*Please Note: If you are not planting right away, please keep the plants watered!*

**Then stake out your bed. Our Pocket Pollinator Patch Kits will fill a bed that is 10-square feet. The bed can be any shape. (The math is the tricky part!)**

**Next, water the area so that the soil is moist (8-inches deep), but not soggy. We recommend you do this a few hours in advance.**

**Now Prep your bed for planting with one of these two methods (right):**

*Please note: The second method is best done at least a few weeks in advance, ie. right now!*

## METHOD 1

1. Mow or cut the area short and rake off cuttings.
2. Scalp the area with a sharp spade. Slice off about a 2-inch thick mat of sod/roots.
3. Lay out the plants according to color, height, and mature size. Review the info on the pot labels for heights and suggested spacing.
4. Remove the first plant from its pot. (Do not leave plants lying bare in the sun.) Dig a hole the same size as the plant's root ball and place the plant in the hole at the same depth as the surrounding soil. Backfill with excavated soil and tamp down lightly.
5. Water thoroughly to ensure there are no air pockets. The surrounding soil should be moist. Stick your finger in about an inch to be sure.

*Remember: Do not turn the soil. You'll just stir up weed seeds. Do not add fertilizer or amend the soil. Native plants like the native soil just as it is. Plus, weeds love the extra nutrients fertilizer adds.*

## METHOD 2

*This method is best done in advance—the more time the better.*

1. Stake out your bed.
2. Cut existing vegetation as short as possible and remove all clippings.
3. Put down a layer of cardboard (remove any tape).
4. Cover with 2 to 3 inches of leaf mold or wood chips.
5. Water the area well—really soak it.
6. Wait (for as long as possible until planting).
7. Follow steps 3-5 in method 1 (left), planting through the cardboard into the soil below.