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# Acclimate Before Planting

*Crucial steps for ensuring the success of greenhouse-grown plants*



Most plants at Tagawa Gardens grew up in our climate controlled greenhouse, and need to be gradually introduced to the outdoors before being planted. In order to grow successful plants, we recommend placing plants outdoors in a protected area during the day over a period of 5 to 7 days.

- Keep in a semi-shaded area of your yard that is shielded from wind and temperature extremes for a few hours the first day, and bring back indoors.
- Repeat for 2-3 days, each day lengthening the time they spend outside.
- After a few days, begin exposing the plants to the sun, gradually increasing the length of time and intensity each day.
- After 5-7 days, plant in the ground or outdoor containers when temperatures are between 50-80° F. If high temperatures are expected, delay planting until early evening or morning to reduce heat-induced stress to the plants.
- New tender annual plants, like hanging baskets, will not withstand temperatures lower than 50°.

**Note:** *If you have already planted and cold temperatures are expected, you will need to cover plants for protection. Move container gardens into a garage or sheltered area when temperatures drop below 50° F.*