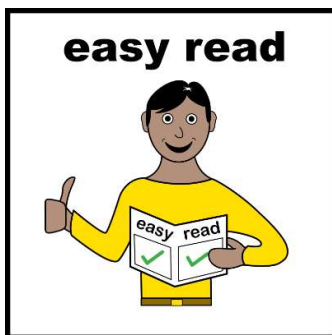


Easy read guide to planting out



About planting out



Planting out means moving plants from small pots into the garden.

When to plant out







You may be growing plants from seed. The **seedlings** can get too big for the pot. You can then plant them out.

A **seedling** is a young plant grown from a seed.



You may buy small plants from garden centres and shops. These may need planting out at home.

What you need

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|  | Plants |
|  | Trowel |
|  | Watering can |
|  | Gardening gloves |

How to do it



1. Put all plants in position. Keep in pots.



2. Select one plant. Press pot lightly into soil. It should leave a mark.



3. Dig hole where mark is. Use a trowel.



4. Check hole is big enough by placing pot in hole.



5. Gently remove plant from pot.



6. Place plant in hole.



7. Gently press soil around top of plant. Try not to damage plant.



8. Do same for all other plants.



9. Once plants are all in ground gently water. They will want a lot of water.

Next steps

Your plants may need watering as they grow.

You can check if they need water. Put your finger into soil around plants. Feel as far down as your first finger joint.



This is your first finger joint.

If soil is moist you don't need to water.

You may need to **weed** around your new plants.

Weeding means removing unwanted plants.

Enjoy watching, smelling and feeling your plants as they grow.

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