## **Planting Instructions**

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**Site preparation:** Soil should be loose; amending your soil with organic matter is highly recommended if soil is very poor (exception Butterflyweed).

**Planting:** When you are getting ready to plant make sure roots are not exposed to sun and drying winds. Dig your hole large enough to spread out the roots. Place soil firmly around roots and water.

Fibrous rooted plants: American Bugbane, Anise hyssop, Asters, Barren Strawberry, Black Eyed Susan, Blue Cohosh, Blue flag Iris, Blue vervain, Black Cohosh, Bowman's Root, Canada Anemone, Closed Gentian, Common Milkweed, Doll's Eyes, Early Meadow Rue, Ferns, Flowering Raspberry, Foam flower, Goats beard, Goldseal, golden Groundsel, Goldenrod, Grasses, Green and Gold, Green cone flower, Hepatica, Jacobs Ladder, Joe-pye weed, Red and Blue Lobelias, Marsh Marigold, Merry Bells, Monkey Flower, Mountain mint, NY ironweed, Purple Coneflower, Red Monarda, Sedges, Shooting star, Swamp Milkweed, Summer Phlox, Tall meadow Rue, Twinleaf, Violets, Virginia Anemone, White Turtlehead, Wild Bergamot, Wild Columbine, Willow Amsonia, Woodland phlox, Woodland Stonecrop, Wild Quinine, Yellow Wood Poppy, and others.)

Plant with crown of the plant at the soil line. If leaves are present, plant so the leaves are above soil line. If only buds are present, plant so top of buds are covered by soil. Spread roots out evenly and as you fill planting hole lightly firm soil around the roots. If buds are under soil do not compact soil or roughly tamp soil as you may damage the buds. Water.

Butterflyweed: Plant in well-drained soil in a sunny location. Do not amend soil. Plant so the root is positioned vertically, straight up and down.

**Rootstocks:** (Blood root, False Solomon's seal, May Apple, Sessile Bellwort, Solomon's Seal, Virginia blue bells, Wild Geranium, Dwf. Crested iris, Wild Ginger, Toothwort, Virginia water leaf, Rue Anemone, Solomon's Sea, Blue Cohosh

These plants grow from one main root that lies below the soil line. The main root or rhizome should lay horizontal in the soil. The first six listed should be planted so the rootstock is about 1 inch below the soil. Wild Geraniums, Virginia waterleaf, and Blue Cohosh rootstock should be just covered by soil so buds are at soil line. Dwf crested Iris and Wild Ginger should lay just under soil or slightly showing so new leaf growth is not covered with fibrous root spread out. Toothwort rootstock should be just under the soil with leaves above soil if any are present.

**Corms and bulbs:** *Trilliums, Jack in the pulpits, Green Dragon, Wild Leek, Dutchman's Breeches and Squirrel Corn., nodding pink onion.* 

Plant so the top of the bulb is about a 1/2 inch below soil line.

Canada Lily and Turks Cap Lily - Plant so the top of the bulb is about 3 to 4 inches below soil line.

Important! If the summer is hot and dry please provide additional water when necessary. This is critical the first year when plants are becoming established. Thank you for ordering from Amanda's Garden. If you have any questions or I can do anything else for you do not hesitate to call or email me. Ellen