Caring for your New Plant

Your plant has been grown in a warm, protected greenhouse with daily water and needs some time to get used to the outside world—we still have chance of very cold nights and some plants are especially sensitive to cold. “Hardening off” is the process of moving plants outdoors to gradually introduce them to the direct sunlight, dry air, and cold nights.

1. Be prepared to spend a week bringing in tender plants. Use this time to make sure your garden bed is ready and full of good nutrient rich soil. Add compost to enrich the soil.

2. Start with 2-3 hours of sun in a wind sheltered location.

3. Increase exposure to sunlight a few additional hours at a time and gradually reduce frequency of watering, but do not allow seedlings to wilt. Avoid fertilizing.

4. Onions and brassicas are hardy and can take temperatures in the 40’s. Warm-season crops such as tomatoes, melons and cucumbers prefer warm nights, at least 60°F.

5. Keep an eye on the forecast and cover or bring in tender plants when the temps get too low.

6. When transplanting to the garden, we recommend using VermiGold to get transplants growing again and to help avoid transplant shock. Go to our website: hillviewuac.org for instructions on how to use VermiGold, Hillview’s own worm castings.
Plant sales will continue through the end of May every Friday, at the Cameron Farmer's Market, and Saturdays at the greenhouse from 10am-2pm.

**MAY HOURS**

**COME & GROW WITH US! VOLUNTEER!**

- 10am to 1pm, Tuesday and Thursday in the hoop house in the Washburn Neighborhood Garden on Division between 9th and 10th
- 10am to 1pm, Wednesday and Friday in the greenhouse at Vine and 7th Street
- Saturdays from 10am to 2pm in the greenhouse

CLOSED May 23-27

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Bountiful Gardens Tour**
Saturday, July 22, from 10am to 2pm

Remember to visit us at Cameron Farmer's Market every Friday from 4-8pm

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