



## HOW TO PLANT HABITAT PLANTS

**Planting is fun, but it is no good planting today..... if the plant dies later!**

Some easy steps to follow:

1. Before you start, you need:

- A plant
- A bucket of water
- A spade or tree planter
- A stake
- A bucket of mulch

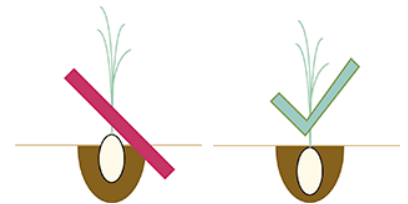


2. Depending on your plant species, pace out ½-1 metre and dig a hole with your spade or tree planter.

3. Remove the plant gently. Place your fingers across the top of the pot, with the plant stem in-between 2 fingers. Tip the plant out. You may need to tap the pot to loosen the plant. Be careful not to pull on the stem, you will tear the leaves or roots.

4. Place the plant gently in the hole. Make sure the root system is not above or below the soil surface.

5. Fill around the plant with soil, to remove air pockets. Press the soil down firmly and make sure the plant is standing straight.

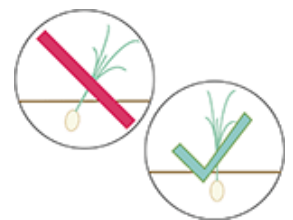


6. Water the plant well, to get rid of air pockets in the soil.

7. Push a stake into the soil next to your plant – not too close!

8. Take 2 BIG handfuls of mulch and place it carefully around the plant. Make sure the mulch doesn't touch the plant stem. This will help to keep the moisture in the soil.

9. Be careful not to tread on the plant as you walk away.



10. Collect your empty pots and equipment and put them away.

11. Do you remember what habitat plants you planted today?

Plant name	Why do native animals need this plant?