

How to Care for a **WATERPERRY BLUE SPEEDWELL**
Perennial Plant
Veronica 'Waterperry Blue

SELECT SITE:

Light Requirements: Full Sun => 6 hours per day

Will tolerate a lightly shaded site

This plant will grow larger; Space 15 in. away from other plants or structures

Prefers an area with consistent, moisture rich, quick draining soil.

Versatile Plant for:

Mass or group in border. Low hedge along path. As a naturalization plant.

Ideal USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 4,5,6,7,8

PLANT PREP:

Open box upon arrival, remove packing materials to let the plant "breathe". Remove plastic bag, tape, and newspaper. Water well. There are drainage holes in the bottom of the pot so do this outside where the extra water will drain away.

HOLE PREP:

Dig saucer shaped hole. The depth is determined by measuring the height of the roots from root flare to bottom. The width is 2-3 times the root ball diameter. Using these calculations, the ideal hole for the new bush will be approximately 6" tall by 12" wide.

PLANTING:

Put garden soil in a wheelbarrow or on a tarp. Mix the garden soil with equal amounts of mulch, peat moss, and potting soil. Place plant in hole and adjust for aesthetics. Hold in place while adding more soil, until the hole is completely filled. Push soil down until firm. Do not plant deeper than it has already been growing. Water well immediately after planting. Mulch evenly to a depth of 2-3 inches being sure to stay at least 4" away from its trunk.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE:

If desired, fertilize in spring when new growth begins. Apply 2 tbsp. of an all-purpose slow release fertilizer upon the ground in a band around the plant at least 6" away from its stem.

A gentle light shearing to remove faded flowers in mid summer will encourage additional bloom. Cut back to basal growth after flowering.