

How to Care for a Woods Aster Perennial Aster ‘Woods Pink, ‘Woods Purple

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Light Requirements: Full Sun => 6 hours per day

This perennial will grow larger: to 12 in. tall by 12 in. wide.

Space 12 in. away from other plants or structures

Easy to grow in average, well drained soil; richer soils generally yield taller plants.

Versatile Plant for:

Stunning accent when planted in mass or as a group for perennial borders. Native gardens. Sunny cottage gardens. Containers.

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 12-18” 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 1-3 inches being sure to stay at least 4” away from its trunk.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE:

Avoid wet overwintering areas.

Taller plants may require staking or other support. If grown in too much shade, stems may open up and flop over.

Remove spent flowers to prevent reseeding. To avoid trimming off fall blooms, do not trim foliage after July.