

How to Care for a **THREADLEAF COREOPSIS Plant** **Coreopsis verticillata ‘Zagreb**

SELECT SITE:

Light Requirements: Full Sun (at least 6 hours per day)

This perennial will grow larger; Space 18 in. away from other plants or structures

Tolerates a wide range of soils, thrives in poor, sandy, or rocky soils with good drainage. Tends to sprawl, especially when grown in fertile soils. Avoid moisture prone soils as crown rot may occur if grown in poorly drained sites.

Versatile Plant for:

Mass or group in border garden. Effective in naturalized areas, native plant gardens, or cottage gardens. Good plant for areas with poor dry soils.

Ideal USDA Plant Hardiness Zones: 3,4,5,6,7,8,9

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:

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 stems.

FUTURE MAINTENANCE:

If desired yet not necessary, 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.

Prompt deadheading of spent flower stalks tends to encourage additional bloom and prevents any unwanted self seeding. Shear in mid to late summer to promote a fall rebloom and to remove any sprawling or unkempt foliage.