

Maintenance Tips:

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Soil Amendments

Over time, it is beneficial to add nutrients and/or organic matter (like compost mixes) to your plant beds. There are also a number of synthetic and natural/organic plant-feeding products available today. If using a synthetic product, be sure to find one that is slow-release and all-purpose. For best results, always apply under any existing mulch layer. Always water the plantings after applying fertilization. As with any product – *make certain to read and follow the instructions prior to application.*

Mulching

Aside from offering a lovely aesthetic to your garden, keeping a mulch layer installed on your planting beds offers a myriad of benefits to your plants. From inhibiting weed growth to maintaining a moist environment between waterings (or rainfall) to providing winter protection to root systems, mulching is a great way to protect your landscape investment. Depending on the type of winter season and the depth of mulch installed, your planting beds will need mulch replenishments every 1 to 3 years.

Weeding

It may not be a four-letter word, but most people don't like it! Weeding is essential to keeping your planting beds looking clean and beautiful; but it is equally important to weed your beds from competing with surrounding weeds for space and water. Best tip for weeding – remove them while they're small. A little time spent weeding every so often will keep you from having to tackle a very difficult task when weeds are established and have strong root systems.