

Next Steps for your Succulents

The succulents you received are winter hardy, meaning they can survive outdoors in our area---in fact, they prefer it!

While we used compostable pots for the workshop, these are actually not ideal for the succulents; in fact, they probably retain too much water.

The purpose of the demonstration at the meeting was to teach you what you need to do when planting succulents in their actual container, ideally a porous trough.

To summarize how to replant your succulents:

1. Make sure your trough/container has a drainage hole
2. Provide a drainage layer on the bottom (we used recycled Styrofoam peanuts but you can also use rocks or broken terra cotta pieces, etc)
3. Put filter fabric over your drainage medium. This stops the soil from mixing with the drainage, thus clogging it.
4. Use a cactus/succulent potting soil, since this is a specific mix, which drains well
5. Put appropriate amount of soil on top of the filter fabric. You determine this by looking at the depth of your root ball.
6. Place succulents in desired place and backfill spaces with potting mixture. Make sure to gently push soil around all roots so they have contact with the soil. You don't want air pockets since that is where disease can grow. It isn't necessary to mangle your babies, just be firm!
7. Water thoroughly.

Place outside and let them grow!

We will be sending out a blast around November to let you know what you should do as winter approaches.