



# How to Plant Nursery Stock Seedlings in Your Garden

## Project Difficulty



Many Gardeners choose to plant Nursery Stock Seedlings when growing vegetables like tomatoes, and peppers. Often the journey from seed to soil for Nursery Stock Seedlings can be stressful. Use Long-Fibered Sphagnum Moss to decrease your new seedlings stress and increase your yield this year.

## Products You'll Need



Long Fibered Sphagnum Moss

## Supplies You'll Need

- Seedlings from a Nursery or Garden Center
- Gardening Gloves
- Trowel
- Long Fibered Sphagnum Moss

Purchasing nursery stock plants such as tomato, pepper and eggplant at lawn and garden centers has become popular as it saves time in starting these plants from seeds. Nursery stock plants are grown under controlled conditions unlike the circumstances in your garden. Many are grown in greenhouses with controlled light, water and fertilizer. The soil mix typically used is premium quality to promote the highest survival rates from the grower to the retailer.

When you buy these plants, they may have been transported to the garden center under less than perfect growing conditions from climates very much unlike the environment they find in the garden center. Garden center staffs water the stock, but normally do not add fertilizers, as they want the plants to stay conveniently compact for planting.



## Preparing Seedlings

All is not lost and the stress these plants have to endure through this process can be reversed when you get them home. Using Mosser Lee's Long Fibered Sphagnum Moss in preparing the hole for the seedling will help insure plant survival and higher yield.

Simply plunge a handful of Mosser Lee's Long Fibered Sphagnum Moss in a bucket of water and place the wet moss in the bottom of the hole. Always wear gloves when handling soils, moss and plants. Do not squeeze out the excess water. Place the seedling in the hole and fill in with excess garden soil. The water near the roots nourishes the plants, which are under stress during the transplanting process. As you water later in the season, the long fibered sphagnum moss rehydrates and traps the water near the roots. This reduces the need for many future waterings.



## **Transplant Seedlings**

Give your seedlings an extra boost by mixing a water-soluble fertilizer in the water before soaking the moss. This is a better way of fertilizing your newly planted seedlings than from the top of the soil. Newly planted seedlings respond well when drawing nourishment from their roots.

By adding long fibered sphagnum moss to the transplanting process, your plants will make an easier adjustment from the garden center to your garden.

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