

Making New Shrub and Flower Beds

1. Lay garden hose or rope out in the yard in the shape of the bed to be made.
2. Spray area with Roundup, making sure that you stay inside the marked-off area. Follow label instructions.
3. Wait ten days to be sure that all of the grass starts showing signs of dying.
4. Use flat spade of edging tool to dig around outside perimeter of bed going about 3" - 6" deep.
5. Till or turn area over with a spade (8" - 12" deep).
6. Add peat moss and perlite about an inch thick on top of the tilled area and turn over a second time.
7. Rake bed and re-edge.
8. Place plants and plant according to Stauffers Planting Instructions (available at check-outs). Rake bed smooth.
9. Pre-emergent herbicides, such as Preen can be applied to bed area for weed control (follow manufacturers guidelines) or weed barrier/fabric can be installed.
10. Apply a layer of mulch 2" - 3" thick for a finished affect.