

Transplanting

Container selection

Too big

- not enough nutrient & water uptake due to small root system
- causes leaching (loss of nutrients) and overwatering

Too small

- no room for growth
- plant becomes root bound quickly

Right size

- a couple of inches bigger than the root system
- will allow for several months of growth
- also depends on what you want to do with the plant

Media selection

Lightweight

Retains moisture

Drains off excess moisture

Holds nutrients in the soil

When

When the seedlings have established true leaves

Filling the container

¼ inch below the top of the container

soil should be slightly tamped but not compacted

too much

- water drains off the top and doesn't get absorbed

too little

- water pools

Plant selection/placement

healthy with good color

plants should be sorted by size when put into packs

plant should be in the center of the container

Watering in

dry soil should be moisten and plants checked daily for water until established