

URBAN FARMER

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How to safely repot plants:

There are several reasons as to why a gardener may want to repot their plants, such as maybe the plant has outgrown the pot or maybe they found a prettier pot that would match the plant better. Anyway, repotting plants can cause a shock to the plant if it isn't done correctly, which may end up killing the plant. Make sure to follow the correct protocol when replanting so your plants survive the transition and thrive in their new environment.

When to repot:

The plant will show several signs when it's time to move it to a new home, such as into a larger pot. These signs include something as simple as the plant looking too big for the pot, or things such as water isn't absorbing into the soil, roots are growing out of the drainage holes, it's been awhile since you repotted it or the soil looks like it is disintegrating. Generally, plants need to be repotted every 12 to 18 months, however, it does depend on how fast they are growing. Slow rowing plants don't need to be repotted as frequently.

When repotting:

There are certain steps to follow when repotting. Be sure to water your plant a day or two before repotting. When you place the new potting soil in the new pot, make sure to moisten it if it feels dry. When you place the new potting soil in the new pot, make sure to moisten it if it feels dry. When removing the plant from its original pot, turn the plant sideways and gently loosen it by holding the stems and tapping the bottom of the pot until the plant slides out. If you have to, you can pull gently on the stems to coax the plant



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out of the pot, but don't pull too hard or you'll rip the plant off its stems. If the plant is root bound, loosen and unbind the roots to the best of your ability before placing it in its new pot. It's okay if they tear a little bit while you're trying to pull them apart.

With the new pot, choose a pot that is bigger than the one the plant was already in. Add a coffee filter or some other porous material to cover the drainage holes at the bottom of the pot. Then, pour the pre-moistened potting mix into the pot and place the plant in the center of the potting mix. Then, gently add more potting mix until the plant is secure. Once you're done potting, water the plant well.

If a plant hasn't outgrown its pot but it looks like it needs fresh soil, follow all the steps above when removing the plant from the pot. Then, remove 1/3 of the old potting soil and add new potting soil to the pot and replant the plant into the fresh soil.



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