



Planting for success

Thank you for volunteering your time and effort to plant these amazing sand binding plants provided by Coast Care Bay of Plenty. These are young nursery plants which require special planting techniques to survive. The best time to do this is between June and August. Please follow the guidelines below to achieve optimal growth rates for your dune plants.

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- 1 Prepare your planting site by weeding out any invasive plants and root systems until you have bare sand. Now stand on the beach and assess the dune. Plan to plant the top third of the dune only as planting down to the beach may wash the plants away before their root systems have been established. Ensure you start planting at the top of the dune first.
- 2 Give your plants a big drink of water immediately before planting. Gather your fertiliser, plants and a spade.
- 3 Sand binding plants love to be planted deep with their leaves covered by one third of sand at a minimum. Please dig your holes 35-40cm deep to ensure the roots reach the damp sand.
- 4 Place two teaspoons of slow release fertilizer supplied by Coast Care into each hole.
- 5 Carefully remove a plant from the root tray while supporting the roots and place deep in the hole. Keep hold of the leaves of the plant while you fill the hole back in with sand. Press down to compress the sand and make sure the sand is level around the plant. The plant should be buried at least 15cm up the leaves from the potting mix.
- 6 Plant approximately 80cm apart.
- 7 It's important to maintain the dune by removing any weeds that might grow back and smother the young dune plants.



Thank you for helping us restore our special dune ecosystems!

Many landowners plant up any gaps and weed their dune every year. This ensures the dune remains healthy.

Please get in touch with your local Coast Care representative before the next planting season. They can provide ongoing dune restoration advice and support.

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