

HOW TO DIVIDE HOSTAS



Divide hostas when the new shoots are popping up and before the leaves unfurl—about a four-week window in spring.

- If the soil is not moist from rainfall, it's helpful to water the day before you're going to divide your hostas.

Remember that the fewer roots you cut off the better the transplant is going to go.

- Depending on the size of the clump, sink your straight spade into the ground all the way around the clump, far enough away to not be cutting off much root.
- Work your way around the plant, eventually prying the entire plant from soil. The depth of the plant may be 8 inches or eighteen inches depending on the cultivar of hosta. Put the plant on a board on top of a tarp (for easy cleanup).
- Divide hostas into pieces with new shoots—growing points. Some hostas pull easily into divisions, but most need to be cut with a sharp spade or knife.
- Replant divisions in soil with plenty of organic matter. Set divisions at the same depth they were growing previously. Water thoroughly after planting to ensure that the roots have readily available moisture.

If you are donating them to church, please pot the new plants up and label with the variety if you know it! If you need more information, Google How to Divide Hostas.

