

Turkey Run Hostas



1. Caring for hostas

The hostas have recently been dug and potted. Most come through the transplant process just fine. A few may be prone to wilting in the heat. To give those hostas a boost, keep them in a cool and shady place for a few days and keep them moist. Plant them when the weather forecast is for cooler temps and “water them in”.

2. Plant Markers

We use Kincaid stainless steel garden markers (P-Style – Signature Series – 10 inch) – see <http://store.kincaidplantmarkers.com/> . We use *Brother P-touch TZe355, 1 inch, white on black tape* which can also be ordered from the Kincaid website. Any Brother printer that can handle the 1 inch tape will suffice. There is also a printer on the Kincaid website.

3. Fertilizer

To fertilize our hostas, we lightly broadcast 10-10-10 in the spring and then use Milorganite (Milwaukee Organic Nitrogen) organic fertilizer later in the summer for areas that we want to ensure good growth. Milorganite has lots of good properties: nitrogen/iron, won't burn, doesn't need to be watered in, etc. Can be found at Menards and other hardware departments

4. Slugs

We use slug bait with an active ingredient of *Metaldehyde*. The active ingredient *Iron Phosphate* is more pet friendly. For a more immediate solution, use 1 part bleach (or household ammonia) to 9 parts water and spray the solution on the leaves and the crowns(base) of the plant to kill the slugs on contact.