Hi, I have several cordtline Red sensations that have outgrown their place in the garden. Is it possible to transplant them to a better place. Whan should this be done. We live in South West NSW

Thanks

Re:transplanting

Posted by Jamie Clarke - 2009/08/14 07:18

The tip I can give ryan is anything to do with moving/cutting or planting for cordylines should only be attempted once the min outside temp sits above 16 degrees.

Re:transplanting Posted by CQ - 2009/08/20 01:20

I have read that the cordyline australis does not take kindly to being uprooted and re planted - Have only had the one myself and moved it to another position - and it is not looking happppyyyy.

Re:transplanting Posted by Kristy - 2009/08/25 05:26

Hi Ryan,

Yes I too would not recommend you moving them unless you absolutly have to. Chances are you will loose them. Everyone I know including horticulturists that have tried to move advanced Cordyline australis plants have ended up going to god. Once that species is established they hate their roots being disturbed. Good luck!

Cheers Kristy

Re:transplanting Posted by Kristy - 2009/08/26 04:22

Here is some info found on the FAQ's, that may help you...

Cordyline australis, particularly older well established large plants can be rather difficult to transplant as they resent their root ball being disturbed.

The best chance of success is to wait until spring, dig a trench about 30cm deep and about 30cm out around the plant, water regularly with a solution of Seasol and leave it for 2-3 months. If the plant is still looking healthy after the 2-3 months dig the plant out completely. Try to maintain as much soil as possible around the root ball, a good watering the day before digging will help hold the soil together.

If your soil is very clayey, when replanting your cordyline we'd suggest you only dig a shallow hole and mound a quality good draining soil up around the root ball. If you plant it too deep in clay soil the hole will act like a bucket and just hold the water. If roots of Cordyline australis are kept too wet they will rot and the plant will die.

Once you have transplanted your cordyline keep watering regularly with the Seasol solution as it will help with the development of strong healthy roots.
