Tips for Planting Natives

*Mimic the natural environment of native plants.*

- Look at plants in a botanic garden before you plant.
  - Check for how big they grow, what they look like, and which grow in areas similar to your yard.
- Group plants with similar needs.
  - Determine the plant’s need for shade or sun.
  - California native plants need adequate drainage and uncrowded conditions.
- Incorporate other natural features.
  - Boulders, rocks, pebbles, stones, mounds
- Consider when you are planting.
  - Planting in late fall is optimal, but winter and spring also have ideal conditions.
- Fire safety tips:
  - Plants that are small in size, low to the ground, have low water needs, and don’t contain oils or resins are best in areas of high fire risk.