

Garden Ready

Get the best from
your plants

Quick Tips

- The unique netting design in our Garden Ready packaging keeps your plants in place during transit, but can occasionally bend stem tips over. Given a few days in a bright position, stems will again straighten and grow towards the sun. If any stem tips or flower buds have been broken in transit, do not worry. We actually recommend pinching out (snapping off) early flowers and stem tips to encourage better branching and flowering through the season.
- When growing in containers, don't fill to the brim with compost. Leave up to 2.5cm (1in) of pot on show to allow for watering – halve this for small pots and cell trays.
- Pots should always have drainage holes, but place on saucers/trays to prevent surface staining. It also helps retain extra water during summer heat.
- Always water prior to planting or potting on.
- Prepare soils ahead of planting. For the best establishment, work incredicompost® and incredibloom® fertiliser into the growing area. These will also give you the best results in containers displays too. Alternatively opt for regular liquid feeds through the season, starting at 6 weeks after planting.
- Avoid planting when soils are too wet or frozen.
- Acclimatise all indoor grown plants to outside conditions after the last frost. Harden off by placing outside by day and back undercover each evening for 7-10 days.



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Upon arrival: Remove all packaging carefully. If the plants seem dry, place into a tray of water for at least half an hour, or water with a can and allow to drain.

Garden ready plants are ready to go straight into the garden. Remember that these young plants are frost tender and must not be placed outdoors until all danger of frost has passed in your area.

Watering: It is important to water on a regular basis as baskets and containers on a sunny patio can dry out quite quickly on a hot summer's day. Watering is always best done in the evening when plants will have a chance to take in the moisture overnight and will look fresh the next day.

Feeding: Regular feeding should begin 6-8 weeks after planting into the ground or containers; this will enhance your plants. General fertilisers will be sufficient if applied as recommended. To produce quality blooms many gardeners use high potash low nitrogen feeds such as tomato plant food. Specialist container and basket feeds are available and produce good results. Never over feed as this may harm your plants. As plants are often crowded in containers some pruning may be required in addition to the normal practice of removing faded blooms and pruning back straggly growth. Do not let the plants produce seed heads as this often means that they will stop flowering.

Deadheading: It is always wise to remove old spent blooms on a regular basis as this will encourage more blooms to reappear and create a cleaner, longer lasting display all summer.

Garden Ready Plants: You can plant our garden-ready plants straight into the garden when they arrive. There's no need to re-pot them or grow them on - just plant, water them and sit back and enjoy.

Pre-planted pots and baskets: We've taken the hard work out of creating wonderfully colourful displays - just position them where you will most enjoy their summer colour. Then all you need to do is water them and wait for the display.

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