

## Perennials, Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

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### Quick Tips

We have sent your plants at just the right time for planting out or potting on. Please read this leaflet to ensure the best establishment and ongoing performance in your garden.

- Open packaging immediately on receipt and stand upright where appropriate.
- Remove plastic bag from pot if present. If plants seem dry, place pots in a tray of water for half an hour to soak.
- 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 - leave 12mm (½ in) for small pots and cell trays.
- Pots should always have drainage holes, but place on saucers through summer for water retention.
- Always water prior to planting or potting on.
- Prepare soils well ahead of planting – dig in compost and slow release fertiliser, breaking the soil down to a crumbly texture.
- 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.



### Perennials, trees, shrubs:

**5cm (2in) pots:** These should be potted on into 9cm (3½in) pots filled with incredicompost® and grown on until they establish strong roots.

**9cm (3½in) pots:** Grow on for planting out or potting on anytime between April and September.

**1 litre pots and larger:** These mature plants can be planted out or potted on into larger patio containers at any time of year but watch out for late spring frosts in their first year in your garden. Trees and some shrubs will need staking to hold them firm against wind rock while they establish.

### Climbers:

**Plugs:** Plugs supplied in spring and summer should be grown on and planted out in autumn. Autumn and winter supplied plugs should be kept frost free and planted out in spring.

**7-11cm potted plants:** These should be potted on into larger containers filled with incredicompost®. These are also best pinched out in the early stages of growth, reducing the height by one third, by pinching or cutting each stem just above a pair of leaves or budding points. This will encourage better branching and framework. Ideally grow on in containers for the first season, keeping plants frost free over winter. Plants supplied in spring and summer should be grown on and planted out in autumn. Autumn and winter supplied plants should be kept frost free and planted out in spring.

**1 litre pots and larger:** These mature plants can be planted out or potted on into larger patio containers at any time of year, but watch out for late spring frosts and drying winter winds – choose a sheltered spot. Most clematis prefer their roots in the shade and shoots in the sun.



- Most of our climbers are suited to container growing. Use large pots filled with incredicompost®, then feed each spring with incredibloom® for best results.
- Pruning advice varies according to variety and is worth researching.
- To avoid planting in dry soil, set climbers at least 45cm (18in) away from the fence or wall then angle stems back to their support. Tie them to supports to help them take hold.

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