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#### Aftercare

- Dead-head plants regularly to encourage more flowers and a longer flowering season.
- Feed regularly during flowering period with a liquid feed.
- Keep baskets and containers moist but do not allow to become waterlogged.
- Keep baskets out of strong winds.
- Raise pots and other containers off the ground on pot feet or bricks to help drainage and help prevent the conditions that can cause terracotta pots to crack.
- Position planted containers close to walls or fences to help provide some protection from wind and frost damage over Winter.



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## Unpacking Instructions

When your plants arrive remove the packaging as soon as you receive them and water thoroughly, ideally leaving outside for a few hours to acclimatise before planting out. If you are not able to plant out immediately then keep the plants well watered.

## Planting out in a bed or border

Plants can be planted directly into their planting position if conditions are good, do water in well and keep moist during dry/windy weather.

- Water the plant thoroughly before you start. The rootball must be thoroughly wet before you plant.
- Dig the whole area incorporating well-rotted garden compost, planting compost or soil conditioner or improver into the top 15cm (6in) of soil.
- Dig individual planting holes and part fill with a planting mixture made up of soil mixed with equal quantities of well-rotted garden compost or other organic matter or planting mix.
- Remove the plant carefully from its packaging and if possible gently tease some of the roots away from the edges.
- Place the rootball in the planting hole, so that the plant is at the same depth as it was originally growing, and gradually fill in the space around the rootball with more planting mixture, pressing down gently as you go.
- Tread down gently around the plant to ensure firm planting.
- Water in well.
- Mulch the soil to preserve soil moisture and keep down weeds.



## Planting out in a basket or container

- Choose your basket or container.
- For baskets line with moss or pre-cut liner, for containers add stones for drainage, then fill with multi-purpose compost.
- Place your plants, For the sides of your basket, gently push the roots of trailing plants through the liner, arrange the remaining plants in the top of the basket: one in the middle and the rest around the edge. Firm more compost around the root balls.
- Feed with a good liquid feed and water.
- Deadhead regularly to encourage fresh blooms.

## Top Tip

Why not try planting Spring bulbs underneath your bedding plants for something a bit different!