

Self-Watering Planters

Installation and Planting Instructions

Thank You for purchasing a Wishbone self-watering reservoir style planter. These high quality planters will give you years of cost saving enjoyment and wonderfully vibrant displays of colourful plant growth.

We know that you are anxious to start creating your work of "plant art" but before you start adding soil to the planters there are a couple of simple steps that you must undertake.

Each planter contains a number of insets in the inside floor of the planter called **filter columns**. The **wicking material** (included with the planter) is to be inserted into the filter columns and must be pressed all the way to the bottom of these columns to ensure maximum wicking action from the reservoir and to keep soil out of the reservoir.

This wicking material comes wrapped in plastic. <u>Be sure to remove the protective plastic</u> <u>wrapper from the wicking material</u> before inserting into the filter column or the wicking process will not work! When handling wicking material the use of gloves is recommended.

Unwrap and pack/insert three pieces of wicking material into each filter column. The wicking material should be flush with the planter floor.

After you have filled your planter with soil and young plants you must top water the plants and soil as well as fill the water reservoir. This assists with the initial moistening of the soil and helps drive the young root growth deep into the soil. You will need to do this at least once more during the first few days of planting. Once the plants are established the top watering should not be required again.

Nutrients added to the water reservoir allow your plants to show off their fullest display of colour!

NOTE: The green disc on the floor of the planter allows you to clean out the reservoir if needed.

To maintain maximum effectiveness and ongoing health of your planter wicking material should be replaced every three to four years.

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