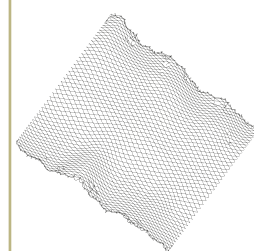
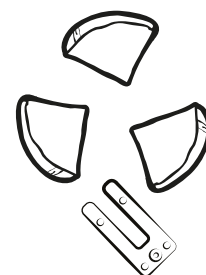


# Planting Guide

**Pots need good drainage.** Water trapped in the pot can cause cosmetic damage or even structural failure. It will also drown your plants.

No.	DO	DON'T
1	<b>Do</b> choose plants that are suitable to growing in pots.	<b>Don't</b> choose plants with invasive root systems. Some plants can break any pot.
2	<b>Do</b> raise the pot on feet so that water can flow freely away from the drainage holes.  <b>Do</b> adjust the feet and pot to remove any rocking. Add window packers, if necessary.	<b>Don't</b> set the base of the pot directly on the ground or floor. This encourages silt to block the drainage holes.  <b>Don't</b> add planting material into the pot before adding any necessary packers. It's much too difficult to add them afterward.
3	<b>Do</b> make sure the pot has clear, open, unblocked drainage holes.	<b>Don't</b> block or seal the drainage holes.
4	<b>Do</b> seal the <b>inside</b> surface with bitumen sealer. This prevents cosmetic damage from water soaking through the pot walls.	<b>Don't</b> line the pot with corflute or plywood.
5	<b>Do</b> cover the drainage holes with a <i>single</i> layer of fibreglass flyscreen.  <b>Do</b> make sure the holes in the flyscreen are at least 1.5 mm wide.  <b>Do</b> make sure the flyscreen still covers the drainage holes when blue metal is added (in step 6).	<b>Don't</b> use shadecloth, or flyscreen with tiny holes. It will clog up.  <b>Don't</b> use multiple layers. They will clog.  <b>Don't</b> use metal flyscreen. It will corrode and break.  <b>Don't use geofabric.</b> Geofabric retains water, preventing drainage. Shadecloth, silt fence, and weed mat will all clog and prevent drainage too. Using any of these will void your warranty. <b>Only use flyscreen.</b>
6	<b>Do</b> fill the bottom of the pot with a 50 mm layer of 10 mm blue metal (a type of gravel). This will allow free drainage and keep potting mix from blocking up the fly screen or drainage holes.	<b>Don't</b> put foam or styrofoam in the pot to make the planted pot lighter. The foam will compact and block.  <b>Don't</b> use sand to help drainage. The sand will compact, preventing water from draining freely.
7	<b>Do</b> put the potting mix directly onto the gravel.	<b>Don't</b> add another layer of flyscreen.
8	<b>Do</b> use a good quality premium potting mix. Potting mix is designed to drain freely, unlike soil or planting mix.	<b>Don't</b> use soil. Soil compacts and hardens, preventing water from draining.  <b>Don't</b> mix soil into potting mix to make it go further.



The above information is based on many years of first-hand experience in the modern pot industry and many centuries of collective wisdom growing plants in pots. In the end they're all about letting water escape the pot. For further information, please see our online planting guide at <https://www.potswholesaledirect.com.au/pot-care-guide/> or our terms and conditions at <https://www.potswholesaledirect.com.au/terms-and-conditions/>.

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