

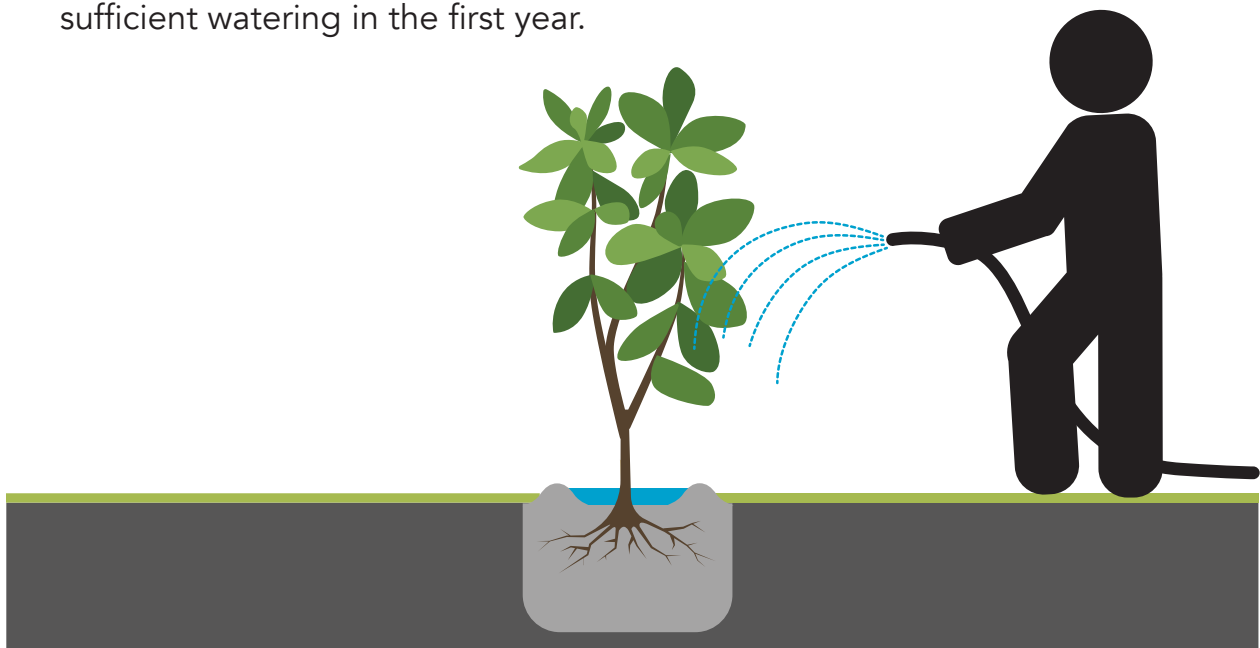
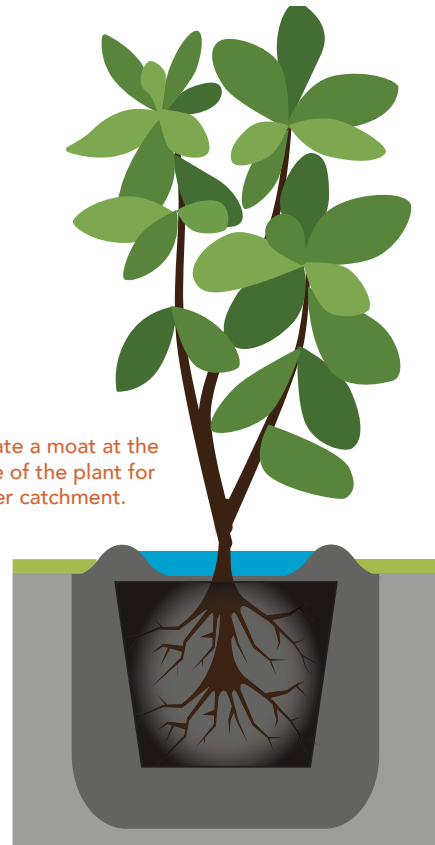
WARNERS GOOD PLANTING GUIDE



HOW TO PLANT

- Make sure your hole is big enough and deep enough for the size of the plant
- Check for good root structure as you remove plants from their pots. Place in the hole.
- Backfill the hole with damp soil, and create a moat around the base of the plant. Add slow release fertiliser.
- Fill moat with water and allow to soak into the plant root ball. Repeat.
- Mulch around the plants to protect this water catchment area.
- **Hand water your plants for the first summer for optimal results.** Drip lines do not provide sufficient watering in the first year.

Create a moat at the base of the plant for water catchment.



START WITH GOOD DESIGN & PLANNING

Choose the right plants for the right situation.

- Don't be afraid to seek advice from your plant supplier on what to plant, where to plant it, and how to take care of it.

Source your plants from an Accredited Nursery

- Purchasing plants from a NIASA accredited grower means that your plants are grown in hygienic conditions, so that you do not introduce weeds or pests into your client's garden during the planting process.

PREPARING YOUR SITE FOR PLANTING

Check drainage

- Proper drainage is critical. Water should not sit in a dug hole.
- If drainage is poor, build up the garden beds, or add additional drainage infrastructure (eg. Agi pipes) to the area.

Check the condition of your soils

- Before planting, make sure the soil has been dug over and friable (crumbly) to a depth of approximately 250-300mm.
- If the soils appear dry or dusty, add organic matter (compost) and blend thoroughly through the soil.

TAKING DELIVERY OF STOCK

Check plants as they come off the truck

- Try to be on location to receive your plant stock.
- Check that the main stem of the plant is firm in the pot. It should not be loose.

Don't let your plants dry out

- Store plants in a shady, protected location, preferably on soil - especially in summer.
- Water your plant stock thoroughly on delivery, and keep it well watered.

Ensure the plant root ball is wet before planting.

- Smaller pots can be kept moist by filling a wheelbarrow or large bin with water. Soak pots until bubbles have gone, and then stand to drain before planting.
- For 40cm pots and larger, drench each pot in soil wetting agent. This will ensure that no dry pockets form in the root ball.

Get your plants in the ground ASAP

- For very large orders, consider splitting delivery to avoid plants sitting around for extended periods.

AFTER CARE FOR PLANT ESTABLISHMENT

Hand water plants through first summer

- Drip lines do not provide sufficient water for plant establishment in the first year. Hand water to ensure good root establishment.
- Irrigation systems work best once plants are established, but ensure any drippers are located near the root ball.
- Keep young plants cool on extremely hot days by misting with water.

Add mulch

- Check your mulch to ensure it doesn't form an impermeable crust around the base of the plant. Renew mulch regularly.

Feed regularly in Spring

- Use a slow release fertiliser to ensure regular feeding through Spring.

Prune regularly

- To encourage growth, pruning is essential. Prune in late Spring, or after flowering.

