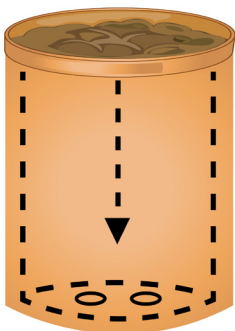


Planting Guide

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

DO	DON'T
<p>Do choose plants that are suitable to growing in pots.</p>	<p>Don't choose plants with invasive root systems. Some plants can break any pot.</p>
<p>Do use a good quality premium potting mix. Potting mix is designed to drain freely, unlike soil or planting mix.</p>	<p>Don't use soil. Don't mix soil into potting mix to make it go further. Don't put foam or styrofoam in the pot. All of these will compact and hold water, preventing free drainage.</p>
<p>Do fill the bottom of the pot with a 50 mm layer of 10 mm blue metal. This will allow free drainage while preventing potting mix from blocking up the fly screen.</p>	<p>Don't use sand to help drainage. The sand will compact, preventing water from draining freely.</p>
<p>Do cover the drainage holes with a single layer of fibreglass flyscreen. Do make sure the holes in the flyscreen are at least 1.5 mm wide. Do make sure the flyscreen covers enough of the pot base to stay in place when blue metal is added.</p>	<p>Don't use flyscreen with tiny holes. It will clog up. Don't use multiple layers. They will clog. Don't use metal flyscreen. It will corrode and break. DO NOT use geofabric, silt fence, or any fabric other than flyscreen, Geofabric prevents free drainage and will cause your pots to fail.</p>
<p>Do seal the inside surface with bitumen sealer. This prevents cosmetic damage from water soaking through the pot walls.</p>	<p>Don't try to line the pot with corflute or plywood; it won't work.</p>
<p>Do make sure the pot has clear, open, unblocked drainage holes.</p>	<p>Don't block or seal the drainage holes.</p>
<p>Do raise the pot on feet so that water can flow freely away from the drainage holes.</p>	<p>Don't set the base of the pot directly on the ground or floor. This encourages silt to block the drainage holes.</p>



These requirements and prohibitions are 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/>.