

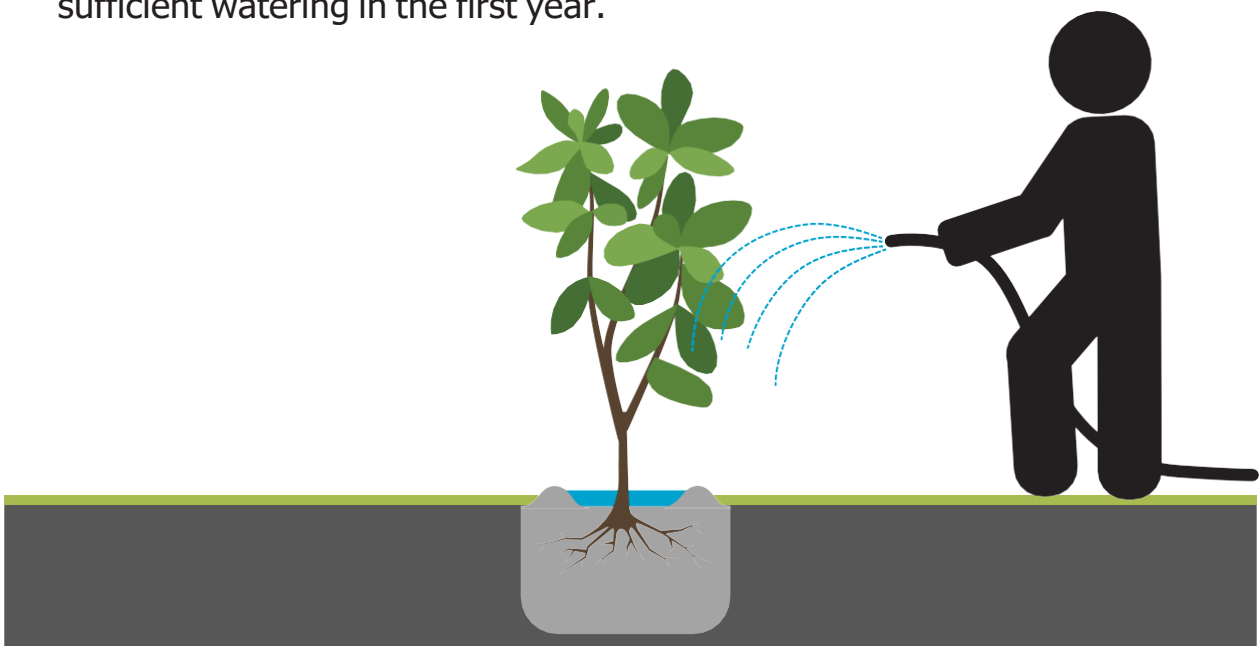
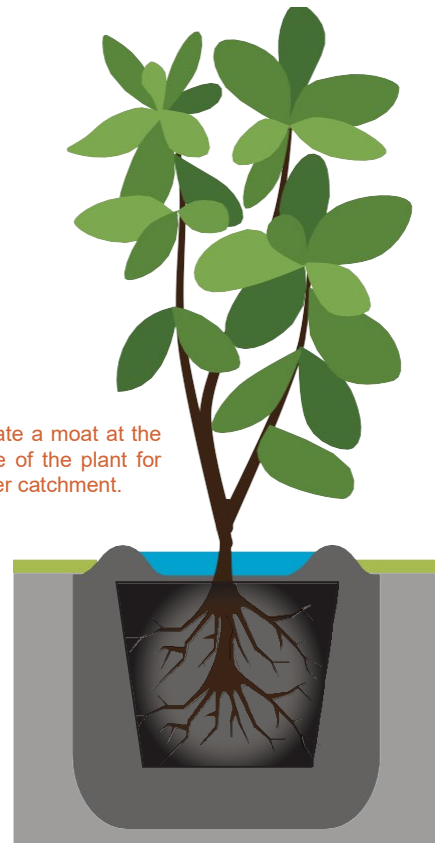
# WARNERS GOOD PLANTING GUIDE



## 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.

