

Care and Planting Guide for Hybrid Willows

IF ANY THREAT OF FROST EXISTS DO NOT PLANT THESE YET. Unpack the box carefully and water the plants thoroughly right away. Plant them as soon as possible, but if you cannot plant them immediately, then put them into a bucket with 6-8" of water. Change out the water every couple of days until you can plant them. Put the bucket of trees in a shady spot until planting.

DO NOT REMOVE THE NETTING SLEEVE AROUND THE ROOTS.



This sleeve will dissolve on its own. If you remove the sleeves, you risk breaking off the roots, and this can kill the tree.

Dig a hole 6-10" wide and deep and plant the root plug to the depth of the top of the root plug. Then back fill with the original soil. Adding up to 25% compost or potting mix is fine, but do not replace the original soil entirely. If a different soil texture goes into the planting hole you can get the "pot"



Make a small moat around the tree to hold water or use a small pail or milk jug next to the tree with a nail hole in the bottom to water slowly so it soaks in. **DON'T OVERWATER**, it isn't necessary to be wet all the time. Once a week is plenty if no rain falls.



To maximize growth, apply a balanced soluble fertilizer such as Miracle-Gro® or plain old 10-10-10 every month or two using the recommended application amount on the package. Prune only after the trees have established for two years. Trim the tops to make it bush out, or trim side branches to make it more "tree" like. Use a thick layer of wood mulch around young trees to prevent weeds and hold in moisture. Use a cone of fencing around young trees if you have problems with deer and or rabbits. Another good option is to spray with PlantSkydd, which is an effective product, we buy it on Amazon. Yes it is spelled PLANTSKYDD,