Care & Maintenance

There are lots of choices when it comes to fiberglass products. Our planters are designed to be used without saucers and have 1/8" feet to help water drain and to prevent water being trapped under the planter when used outdoors.



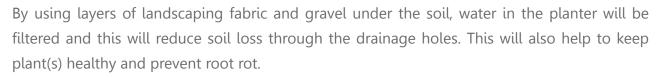
PLEASE NOTE: We recommend that all planters be used with potting soil, or a light soil mixture.

Potting soil is specially formulated for planter and container gardening and is usually a mixture of soil, hummus and peat, but varies according to mixture. To ensure you are using the correct type of potting soil for your plant(s), check with a professional to determine the correct regional and plant specific soil to be used.

Heavier soil and "earth" absorb and retain more water which can apply strong pressure to the walls of the planter and can cause structural damage in larger planters.

Plants with nursery pots can be set into the planter, but depending on the type of plant(s), you can plant directly in your planter(s). You will need:

- Drill and Drill Bits
- Landscaping Fabric
- Gravel
- Potting Soil



Drilling Drainage Holes in your planter:

Our planters are designed for indoor or outdoor use. If you are using your planter outdoors, you will need to drill drainage holes to allow excess water to drain from the planter. If you are using your planter indoors, drainage holes are not required.

Our planters are designed to allow drainage holes to be drilled in the bottom of the planter with no adverse effects to the life or performance of the planter. Drainage holes may be drilled with a standard drill bit. No special tools are required.

- 1. Determine how many and what size drainage holes you will need.
- 2. Using a marker, mark the bottom of the planter with guides for drilling holes.
- 3. Carefully drill through the base of the planter straight through the material.

Designs that embody style, form and function

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Preparing your planter for planting:

If you are drilling drainage holes, complete the above steps before preparing your planter for planting.

1. Cut out two layers of landscaping fabric slightly larger than the interior dimensions of the planter.

NOTE: if you are using a drip irrigation system, you may want to insert your tube(s) through your drainage hole(s) to make them less conspicuous.



- 2. Place a layer of landscaping fabric inside the planter completely covering the bottom of the planter. Allow the edges of the fabric to rise around the edges of the planter.
- 3. Place a layer of gravel in the planter on top of the landscaping fabric. This layer can be up to several inches deep.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3.
- Pour or scoop a layer of potting soil into the planter.
 Use enough potting soil to accommodate the roots of your plant(s).
- 6. Once your plant(s) are planted, add potting soil or a topping of your choice (such as small pebbles or moss) to cover the roots of your plant(s). Consult a professional to determine the type of topping that will suit your plant(s).



