

Caring for your new plants when they arrive

Bare rooted plants need to be planted as soon as possible after arrival.

They can be stored in the packaging for a couple of days at most, in a shaded cool area.

Alternatively they can be "heeled in" for a longer period until the permanent site is prepared. That is, unpacked, separated out and planted in loose damp soil or sawdust which is then pressed down firmly with boots, to press out all the air and firm the soil around the roots. The soil must be kept damp to avoid the roots drying out.

NB: It is important to break open the delivery bundle and separate out the plants before heeling in to ensure that no roots are sitting in an air pocket drying out unnoticed and no smaller plants are missed.

Plants in Planter Bags (PBs)

Give container plants a good soak on arrival and before planting.

If the pots are light, a simple method to ensure good saturation of the roots, is to submerge the pot in water until the air bubbles stop rising, and leave for about 10mins, allowing the soil particles to swell and the air spaces to be taken up by water. In a dry season, this is also a good way to prepare the plants for planting while additionally putting water in the hole before placing the plant.

Happy planting

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