

HOW TO TRANSPLANT SEEDLINGS



- 1.If you are using recycled pots (from a tip shop or landscape gardener) they will need to be washed out in soapy water.
- 2.Moisten seedling tray with water or a seaweed solution (to reduce transplant shock)
- 3.Fill your pot three quarters full with potting mix
- 4.Remove the seedlings as a whole block from the seedling tray. Add more water if they won't come out of the tray easily.
- 5.Put onto a flattish surface
- 6.Avoid exposing the roots of the seedlings to direct sun. Keep them in the shade or do it on a cloudy day.
- 7.Gently separate out seedlings into clusters of 2 or 3 seedlings by gently pulling them apart with your fingers and teasing out the roots. When separating try to retain as much soil as possible around the roots.
- 8.With a stick or your finger poke a hole into the potting mix and place your seedling cluster into it. All roots must be placed into the planting hole. If they don't fit make the hole bigger and do it again.
- 9.Back fill with potting mix to ensure the roots are covered.
- 10.Gently press down around the seedlings with your fingers to firm the soil. Don't use too much force.
- 11.The roots of the seedlings should be just below the level of the soil. If not repeat step 7 onward and make the hole deeper.
- 12.If you have a cluster of more than one seedling pull out the excess seedlings to leave just one or two of the strongest looking seedlings.
- 13.They may wilt a bit. With water, shade and the cool of night and they should recover.
- 14.Water the seedling with water or seaweed solution. Be generous, give them a good drink.
- 15.Sprinkle slug pellets around the seedlings to prevent them being eaten
- 16.Don't leave the newly transplanted seedlings in direct sun. Place them under a veranda or the shade of a tree for a day or two to help them adjust to their pot.
- 17.Water regularly allowing excess water to drain out. Don't leave the pot sitting in a dish with water in it. Roots need the water to drain out of the pot or they will rot. The soil should be moist, but not soggy.