

It's all about watering, pot size, and warmth !

We supply allot of plug plants early in the season, that are actively in growth. The start of the season has low light levels, it's cold during the night and a pretty dismal place to be for a young plant. That's why we keep them in a greenhouse !

It's just too cold outdoors. The wind is cold, the soil is cold, and the sun has just started to heat up, then it gets cold of a night !

Small plug plants need more attention during these times. A warm windowsill, or conservatory. Or a warm doorstep during the day, and a warm bed of a night (Inside the house! )

They also need a small pot. If you put them into too big a pot, they wont take up all the water in the pot, because they are so small. They are trying to survive in a cold bed. If you put your small plant into a small pot, they wont be so cold, because the compost will dry out quicker, and the soil will warm up quicker by the sun. A warm bed is a very nice place to be. Water once, then water again once the compost has dried out (Changed colour). This helps to stop the plant being cold, and as the compost dries out, the healthy little plant has to shoot out roots to find moisture, a bit like making a lazy kid go and play football, they both feel better after a bit of exercise.

The compost is very important, you need to mix in some sharp sand or perlite to make the compost drain better, about 20%. Plants also breath through their roots, making the compost "open" by adding sand allows this to happen. Riddle the compost to remove all the big bits. Do not compress the compost, instead tap the pot up and down, on the table, otherwise this defeats the object of keeping the compost light.

Once the plant has filled the pot with roots, its time to pot up again, and again, not a huge pot but one that's say an inch either side of the plant. So if you are using a 4 inch pot, then next step is a 6 inch pot. Once the plant is really going well, it's time to introduce to an even bigger pot, or to go into the outside world to survive as best it can, planting into the soil.

That's why our plants are grown in a greenhouse, we can control most of what goes on. When you get your plants, a case of "Plant and hope" will mean lower survival levels.

Most of our plants are not difficult to grow, but they are like children, once you understand what they want, you will get a better success in quality of growth and flowers !

NOTE: Some of our plants are raised in a tiny bag of compost. This is kept in place around the plant by a net. Do not remove this net, the roots grow through it, and it will rot eventually. Removing the net will damage the roots of the tiny plant.

Enjoy !