



When potting up young plug plants, you must be aware that you must not disturb the roots, if possible, and do not use too large a pot. Doing both will probably kill your plant. A 7cm pot is the maximum size to use. half fill the pot with compost insert the plug, and top up with compost around the sides.

The compost should be of the best quality, sieved through a 10mm hole sieve, and would be better if you could add around 30% of Perlite or sharp sand, this helps drainage. It is important that in the plants early years to have the best quality compost, good drainage which provides good aeration through the roots, and NOT to over water. Too big a pot will mean the compost will remain wet, for longer, which means the plant wont be able to breath properly through the roots, and die.

Once potted, water, then do not water again until the compost has dried out. Over watering, no drainage, and bad cloggy compost, with big bits in it, will kill your plants ! Liquid feed once a week, after a couple of weeks in its new small pot.

In a few weeks, the plant will have grown more roots. Once the roots fill this pot size, you can pot up into a large pot, say a litre size. Too big a pot will stunt your plants growth, and hold too much water, which the plant will not like. Always pot up into a slightly larger pot, not an enormous pot. This might mean you have to re-pot your plants a few times, until you get a plant with tons of roots, before planting into a large container, or in a permanent place in the garden.

If you buy your plants in cold weather, you will need somewhere warm while young. If it's the middle of summer, then you should be ok outside, away from the wind, and to start with, direct sun for long periods, as strong sunlight when the plant is young will dry the small pot too quickly and frazzle the little plants leaves.



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We are always interested in your reviews about chilli plants. If you have grown them, tasted them, and have comments to make about certain varieties, feel free to leave feedback !