

Vetiver Introduction Letter.

Thank you for contacting us. May we ask how you found us? For example, magazines, Internet search, news articles, friends, etc.

We have a few questions that we like to ask perspective clients. We want all of our clients to have a good experience with Vetiver. It is truly an amazing plant but it does have some simple guidelines to follow to make them grow well.

First question is where are you located and what is your elevation so we can do an analysis of your average weather and temperatures to figure out the best time for you to be planting. The reason we ask this is that here in Sayalonga our elevation is exactly 500M. Here is the link to a chart of our average weather to compare you location to ours.

<http://www.worldweatheronline.com/Sayalonga-weather-averages/Andalucia/ES.aspx>

In Sayalonga we plant all year round but in the colder months the plants grow slower and don't show a lot of above ground growth but do show impressive root growth, which of course is what we want. They appear to be growing slow when they are compared to late March and April and it concerns some people. By analyzing your location we can better advise you as to the best time to plant. The reason for this is that when the temperatures drop below 10C for extended periods of time Vetiver goes dormant.

If you are planting Vetiver for the purpose of slowing or halting erosion if you have photos this would be very helpful to further advise you. Measurements will also help us to estimate the number of plants that you will need. As a general rule of thumb Vetiver is planted about 30CM apart, meaning that a 30 linear Metre line will require about 100 plants. This of course can be changed depending on your level of erosion. Sometimes in serious erosion issues multiple rows might be required and recommended.

We also need to express that Vetiver, like any plant needs to be watered regularly, meaning daily until they get established which takes about 3 months depending on your soil, altitude, weather, etc. If you look at our “Growth” page you can see date stamped photos of plants in different locations, slopes, time of year, etc. This will give you a better idea of what you can expect if they are taken care of properly. These are some of the easiest plants to grow but some simple guidelines need to be followed. These plants worldwide have a survivability rate of over 95%.

Below are some useful links on our website:

“Growth” Page:

<http://www.vetiverspain.com/growth.html>

“Team” page: <http://www.vetiverspain.com/team-1.html>

“Planting” Page:

<http://www.vetiverspain.com/planting-.html>

If you have irrigation questions we can advise on that also by showing you the automated systems that we use and have been long lasting and trouble free.

For those of you that can come here to Sayalonga we have options other than mailing slips to you. For colder climate areas we have two greenhouses that we plant Vetiver in pots in November and December to get them established. The results are a more established plant that can be planted in the spring and get the same results that you would if you have planted months before but in a warmer climate. We have different sizes of pots also.

We harvest every Thursday and Saturday and try to ship on Monday so that the plants do not sit in a Post Office over the weekend.

Sincerely,

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