



Care Instructions for Custom Planters

Your custom planters will be ready for pick-up the week after Mother's Day. If the weather is cold that week you may pick them up when it warms up. At the time of pick-up, you will receive a free 8 oz bottle of Blooming & Rooting to help your plants stay beautiful and healthy as long as possible.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **How often should I water?**

Every planter will be different depending on environment and size of container. Poke your finger into the soil and if it is dry down to your fingertip, it will need watering. Also know what kind of plants are in your container. Some require less water than others.

- **What time of day is the best time to water?**

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- **How do I know if I am over watering?**

Plant leaves will turn yellow and eventually the plant will die. The best test is feel the soil. If it is still wet on top, do not give it more.

- **I water faithfully but I still have some of the plants die.**

Be sure that the water is reaching the soil around all of the plants. As the plants in your planter get bigger and fuller, if watering from the top, the foliage prevents the water from reaching below and causing uneven watering. Even though some plants are full sun and heat tolerable, the roots still need water. Some plants such as geraniums and succulents can tolerate drought conditions but as soon as a plant begins to wilt, water as soon as possible. Some plants when wilted are not forgiving and usually will not recover.

- **Should I fertilize my planters?**

We do recommend fertilizing to ensure healthy plants and promote blooming. Follow the manufacturer recommendation. All fertilizers are different. Use a fertilizer with a higher middle number (example 9-59-8). Ferti-lome Blooming and Rooting is an excellent fertilizer and may be used with every watering.

- **My planters seem to slow down or stop blooming around July.**

If you have this problem, just keep them hydrated properly and have patience and when the weather cools a little, they will perk up again. Plants do struggle when the temperatures are very hot and are in full sun all day. Consistent fertilizing will help. (Be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions as to how often)

After a while, some of the plants have long stems with no blooms and sometimes no foliage.

Keep the more aggressive growing plants trimmed. Cut them back and it will cause fuller and healthier looking foliage. Some of the more aggressive growing plants are wave petunias and African Daisies

- **Do I need to deadhead all of the blooming plants?**

Only the geraniums need deadheading in order to continuously bloom and force more blooming.