

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PURCHASE

PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY!

Please inspect your new plants upon arrival. Check that your entire order was received and that all the items ordered are correct. It is best to start caring for your plants the moment they arrive by following these planting instructions.

The first thing that you want to do is to keep the plants wet and out of the sunlight. Float the plants in the pond or put them in trays of pond water in the shade.

If you find your plants are damaged, missing or incorrect, please notify us within 24 hours of delivery by calling our **Customer Care Department at 866-766-3435.**

REMEMBER: Upon arrival they will not appear as lush plants. For the purpose of shipping, mail order plants generally come in one of three ways; as a bare root (only root and little or no foliage), as a "bunch" (several stems or grouping of the plant), or as a net pot (roots with some foliage). Please note that all plants are shipped alive and with a strong root base. Live items have a 14 day guarantee. See www.thepondguy.com/shipping for more information.

See Planting Guide on Reverse Side

The Pond Guy[®] Planting Recommendations



the **Pond**guy[.] Plant Bags Flexible Pond Planters

One 7" plant bag can hold one bog plant with 10 lbs. of planting media. One 9.5" plant bag can hold one water lily or two bog plants with 20 lbs. of planting media. #150105 • 7" Plant Bag - 2 Pk #150106 • 9.5" Plant Bag - 2 PK



Thrive[™] Plant Fertilizer Tabs Maximize Blooms & Beauty

CrystalClear[®] Thrive[™] is designed to keep your aquatic plants vigorous and beautiful all season long. Simply use one easy-to-use tablet for every gallon of soil every 2-4 weeks during the growing season.

#CC017-30 • Thrive™, 30 count #CC017-60 • Thrive™, 60 count #CC017-200 • Thrive™, 200 count



Pre-Colonized with Beneficial Bacteria. No fertilizer, compost, peat or pesticides. Will not break down, float or cloud pond water. Use when potting all aquatic plants. Safe for all fish and aquatic life.

#200101 • Planting Media, 10 lbs. #200102 • Planting Media, 20 lbs.

Forgot to Order Planting Supplies? No Problem! Check Out Our Planting Kits. Order Today.

Water Lily & Lotus Planting Kits

These planting kits give you everything you need to plant hardy lilies or lotus. The large, deep, no-hole tubs provide the perfect space to allow water lilies and lotus to grow to their full potential. No re-potting required. These packages include one planting tub, planting media and Thrive[™] fertilizer tabs.

Small Planting Kit Includes: 15″ Dia. X 8.5″ H Planting Tub, 10 lbs of planting media and 30 Thrive™ plant fertilizer tabs. Perfect for planting one water lily.

Large Planting Kit Includes: 19.5" Dia. X 9.5" H Planting Tub, 20 lbs of planting media and 30 Thrive[™] plant fertilizer tabs. Perfect for planting two water lilies or one water lotus.

#150090 • Small Planting Kit #150091 • Large Planting Kit



How to Plant Floating Plants



Floating plants do not need to be planted. Simply toss plants onto the surface of the water or place inside waterfall filter unit for added filtration. Due to shipping, your plants may not float upright when placed into the pond. No work is needed on your part to support them. After a little time in the pond, your plants will stand back up on their own.



Submerged plants may free-float throughout your water feature. If your water feature is equipped with a skimmer, you may want to wrap a weight around the base of the plant before tossing it in. This will prevent the skimmer from pulling the plant in, or you may choose to plant them just as you would a bog plant.

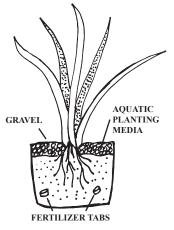


Get snails into the water promptly, preferably not in direct sunlight, as the snails need time to acclimate. The length of time needed will vary and could take up to a week depending on water temperatures. Occasionally, snails may float. This just means that there is air trapped in the shell. As long as the trapdoor is still in place, let them float and the air will work its way out.

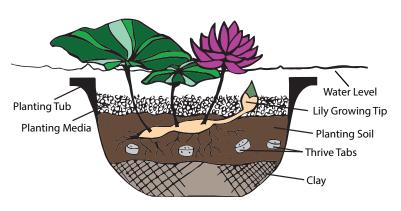
How to Plant Bog Plants



Fill a plant pot with aquatic planting media up to 2" inches below the top of the pot. If there is a net pot on the plant roots carefully remove it. Create a pocket a few inches deep in the planting media for your plant, and then cover the roots with planting media. You may choose to place a thin layer of gravel over the surface of the planting media to help keep it in place. Newly potted plants can be placed at shallow depths until they become established. If you prefer not to use a pot, bog plants may also be planted directly into the gravel in your pond.



How to Plant Lilies



To plant water lilies, first fill a planting tub with 2" of a clay-based material and 2" of clay/soil mix (not included with kit). Next, add a 3-4" layer of Aquatic Planting Media on top. Then, plant in a horizontal position with the bottom root end close to the tub wall and the growing tip pointed upwards and towards the center. The tuber should be placed down into the soil just enough to be anchored with the growing tip exposed just above the planting media. If desired, place a light layer of gravel/rock on top of the planting media (not included with kit). Next, place the planting tub into the pond. The water's surface level should be 3-6" above the growing tip of the stem. Use 1 to 2 Thrive[™] fertilizer tabs every 2 to 4 weeks.