



## ***Amethyst Horticulture Self Watering Containers***

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for purchasing our floral containers, all of the containers are very straightforward to plant and maintain. Below you will find some simple guidance.

### **BARRIER BASKET PLANTING PREPARATION**

The barrier baskets are supplied with an Assembly Kit (with instructions) including:  
1) a removable, reusable liner, 2) wicking mats & wicking streamers for both the liner and basket and 3) adjustable L-Shaped mounting brackets for the underside of the unit  
4) Carriage bolts, nuts & washers to secure brackets to Barrier Basket.

### **Installation**

The basket can be installed on the rail/barrier in advance. The planted liner can be inserted afterwards. The security brackets on the underside of the barrier basket are adjustable and should be adapted to fit snugly around the rail/barrier. You may wish to use a lag bolt and nut to secure the system in the predrilled holes on the adjustable brackets.



### **Planting**

Fill the liner with a good quality growing medium of your choice and plant your desired annuals. We would recommend that you plant no more than 12 plants (depending on the size you are using) in the basket liners. We strongly recommend that you consult a local horticulturalist who will be best able to recommend the most colourful and hardy annuals for your specific area and your growing season. When the liner is properly planted it can be easily slotted into the barrier basket

As a guide we might suggest you plant a selection of the following annuals:

- zonal geranium
- bidens or verbena
- trailing geranium
- wave petunia or Million Bells
- foliage plant



### **Watering whilst in the nursery**

Ensure that the growing medium is moist prior to planting. There will be no benefit in filling the reservoirs initially until the roots are established. Water the baskets via the top as you would normally any excess water will drain into the reservoir. When the baskets are established you can start to use the reservoir. Please remember that the baskets will be heavier when the reservoirs are in use.

### **Watering After Installation**

Once the baskets are installed water can be introduced through the watering holes at either end which will drain into the reservoir. Under normal conditions and particularly hot weather a top watering is perfectly suitable. The water will automatically drain through the soil and then into the reservoir.

Please note you should top up the reservoir until it overflows to achieve maximum efficiency.



The reservoir will hold approx 25 litres of water. We recommend that the baskets are watered approx. twice per week, in normal warm/hot summer conditions (Regional variations might require an adjustment to watering frequency). With careful planting you may be able to reduce watering further. We would expect that your watering maintenance with these barrier baskets will be reduced by at least 50%.

### **Storage**

The baskets are simple to empty. With care, the wicking materials are reusable. However, if you need to replace the wicking mat and streamers for the following season, replacement sets are available upon request. For each following year the liner & the outer shell must have a strip of capillary matting (wick) threaded through the holes in the base, to draw the water up from the outer basket and or reservoir, then place a piece of matting on top. The soil in the liner and the liner itself will hold the wicking mats in place.

Store the basket up side down.

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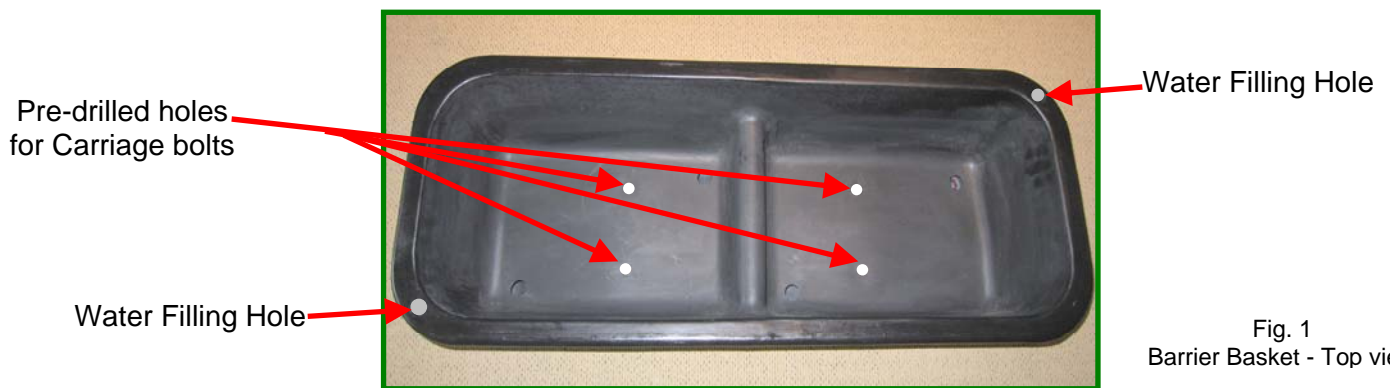
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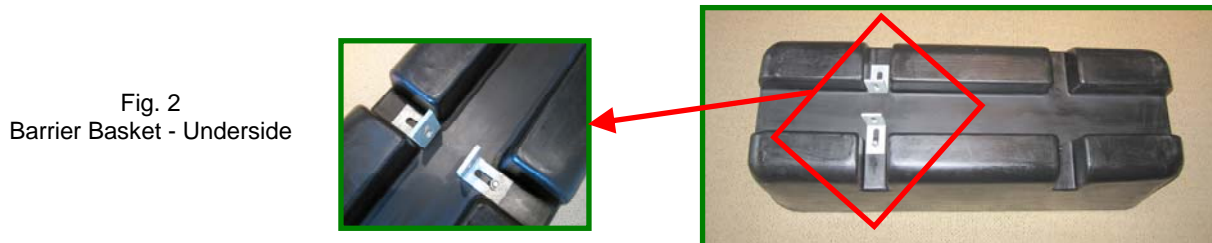
## Barrier Basket Assembly Kit & Instructions

### Kit Contains:

- ✿ 4 L-Shaped adjustable brackets    
 ✿ 4 each Carriage bolts, nuts & washers    
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✿ 4 wicking mats    
 ✿ 4 wicking streamers    
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1) Attach L-Shaped brackets to base of barrier basket. Place Carriage Bolt through washer and then insert through pre-drilled holes (see fig. 1) Repeat on both sides.



2) Fasten nut to carriage bolt after adjusting bracket to required width. Repeat on both sides.



3) Insert wicking streamer into pre-drilled holes as shown in fig. 3. Ensure streamer is equal at each end when inserted into the reservoir. The exposed section of the streamer should lie flat on the diagonal. Place wicking mat flat over exposed streamer. Repeat on both sides.

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Fig. 4 Barrier Basket Liner

- 4) Insert streamers into pre-drilled holes in the Barrier Basket Liner ensuring streamer is equal at each end and exposed section lies flat.



Fig. 5 Barrier Basket with Liner

- 5) Place Liner in Barrier Basket and place wicking mats on top of streamers as in fig. 5. Continue with Planting Preparation instructions.

**WARNING**

Under no circumstances drill any hole in the Barrier Basket. Doing so will void warranty and may damage the integrated reservoir.

