



## ***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.

### ***HALF ROUND POLE BASKETS***

The basket can be installed on the lamppost in advance of the planted liner being added. They must be placed on brackets to support the base. The outer basket slots together once around the lamp post, you will also need to cable tie through the holes at the top.

#### **Planting**

We recommend that you plant no more than 4-5 plants in the liner. This container liner is quite small, and if you put too much in it, the plants will not achieve maximum growth.

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.

As a guide we might plant the following in each half

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

or

- 3 Wave Petunias or Million Bells
- 1 bidens or verbena
- 1 zonal geranium





### **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. When the baskets are established you can start to use the reservoir.

### **Watering when Hanging**

Once the baskets are hanging, water should be introduced through the watering channel 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 reservoirs hold approx 4 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 pole baskets will be reduced by at least 50%.

### **Emptying/Storage**

The liners are very simple to empty. The capillary matting and strips in both the liner and the outer shell can be brushed off and used for the next season. Replacement wicking kits can be 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. The liners can be stacked for storage.

### **Contact us**

In the event you need further assistance please feel free to contact us.

