



## ***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.

### **HANGING BASKETS PREPARATION**

The hanging baskets are supplied with an assembly kit. Once assembled all you will need to do is fill them with a good quality growing medium of your choice.

**Useful tip,** cover the water filling holes in the watering channel of the basket with tape to prevent the growing medium from entering the reservoir. Remove any surplus soil from the channel. The tape can be removed after the baskets are planted.



### **Planting**

We would recommend that you plant no more than 11 plants in the baskets. As a guide in a standard mixed basket we might use the following;

- 1 zonal geranium
- 3 ivy geranium
- 3 surfinia/petunia
- 2 trailing begonia
- 1 bidens
- 1 verbena

We plant from small plug plants, directly into the baskets.



### **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. Please remember that the baskets will be heavier when the reservoirs are in use so water lightly prior to hanging.

### **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 7 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 hanging 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.

Store the basket up side down.

### **Contact us**

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



## Hanging Basket Assembly Kit

### Kit Contains:

- ✿ 3 x 24" chain
- ✿ 1 hanging ring
- ✿ 1 Snap link
- ✿ 3 sets bolts with locking nuts
- ✿ 1 wicking mat with 3 wicking streamers



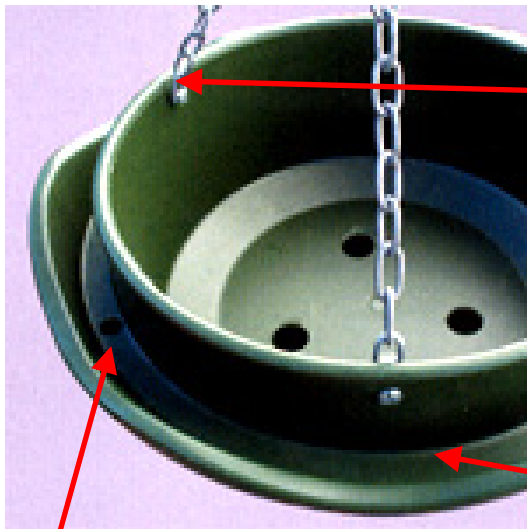
Wicking Streamer



Wicking mat



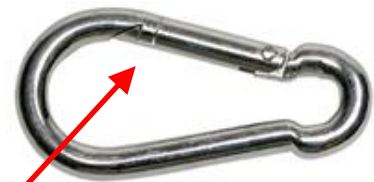
- 1) Insert 3 wicking streamers in holes at bottom of planter to form a triangle ensuring they are fully inserted so that they reach the bottom of the reservoir. Place wicking mat on top of streamers.



- 2) Insert bolts through chain ends and secure with locking nut.

Watering Channel

- 4) Fill planter with growing medium and plant



Snap Link

- 5) Open Snap Link and insert
  - a) end link of chains
  - b) hanging ring

- 3) Cover filling holes in watering channel with tape **before** adding growing medium. Remove tape after basket is planted.





## HANGING BASKET REPLACEMENT

### WICKING MAT & 3 STREAMERS



Wicking Streamer



Wicking mat



- 1) Insert wicking streamers in holes at bottom of hanging basket to form a triangle. Ensure the streamers are fully inserted so that they reach the bottom of the basket reservoir.**
- 2) Place wicking mat on the top of the streamers.**
- 3) Proceed with Hanging Basket Preparation instructions.**

