

Care of Plugs on Arrival

It's easy!

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- Check the quantity and quality of the product on arrival. If there is a problem - please let us know immediately. Contact your Account Manager, email orders@ballcolegrave.com or telephone Customer Services on 01295 811833.
- Spring deliveries for summer production - place the plants in a reasonably warm glasshouse 16-18°C on open benches, not on sand or capillary matting before transplanting.
- Summer deliveries for autumn production - place the plants in a cool shaded area upon receipt.
- Allow the plants to settle and acclimatize for 2-3 hours.
- Water the plugs evenly with a first watering of plain water, ideally giving time for foliage to dry before nighttime.
- Transplant within 3-5 days of delivery. The smaller the plug size the more important it is to transplant quickly. Use a good quality evenly mixed compost which is suitable for the variety.
- Ensure the plugs are thoroughly moistened before transplanting. Water with a weak feed solution to provide a good start.
- Handle the young plants gently using a soft potting on technique minimizing compost compaction below the plug.
- To assist with faster transplanting and less damage from pulling, a Ball Popper machine has been developed with plates for most of the common tray formats. To order a Ball Popper and plates, please contact Customer Services.
- Ventilate to encourage the plant's system to be active and establish roots.

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