

PEAT FREE

Plant Production

We have been trialling peat free over a number of years. Over this time, we have learnt a great deal about successfully growing in peat free composts. We are on target to be producing all our plants in peat free by 2026.

FACTS AND FIGURES THIS SEASON:

Containers

- 38% of compost used has been peat and the other 62% is peat free
- 75,000 have been potted into a peat free compost

Liners

- 30% of compost used has been peat and the other 70% is peat free
- 180,000 have been potted into a peat free compost

Propagation

- 92% of our cuttings are totally peat free

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

• WATER

After our nursery trials, we have concluded that a plant grown in peat free compost requires 18% more water compared to peat based compost. Peat free composts dry out quicker than peat composts. Watering is best applied little and often.

• WETTING AGENTS

Wetting agents enable us to achieve even water saturation, decreased run-off, and better water retention.

• NUTRIENTS

Additional liquid fertiliser is sometimes required. A peat free compost loses nutrient levels quicker than a peat based compost.

• RATE OF GROWTH

Generally, plants can be slower growing and we have had to take this into account.

• SPECIES

The majority of our plants have grown successfully in peat free compost. We continue to develop strategies to improve the remaining varieties.



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Although dealing with peat free substrate presents a challenge, it is not something to be frightened of; many of you have been dealing with peat free plants for a while.

However, we understand that there are still some questions and concerns around this matter, so we are providing some opportunities to help address any queries you, your staff, and customers may have.

Please see below for the options we would like to offer:

Visit Our Nursery

By visiting our nursery, we can provide an explanation about how we grow and care for our peat free plants.

Visit to Your Centre

We can assist your staff with our recommendations on how best to look after peat free plants on your centre.

Care Instruction Course

This could be either online or in person; whichever option best suits you and your staff.

Informative Handout

We can provide a peat free plant care guide which could be useful for your staff and/or customers.

Posters

Posters on display in your centre can explain to your customers about the importance of buying peat free and give tips on how to care for them.

If you feel any of these options would benefit you, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Simply scan the QR code below to complete a quick form, and we will get back to you shortly.

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