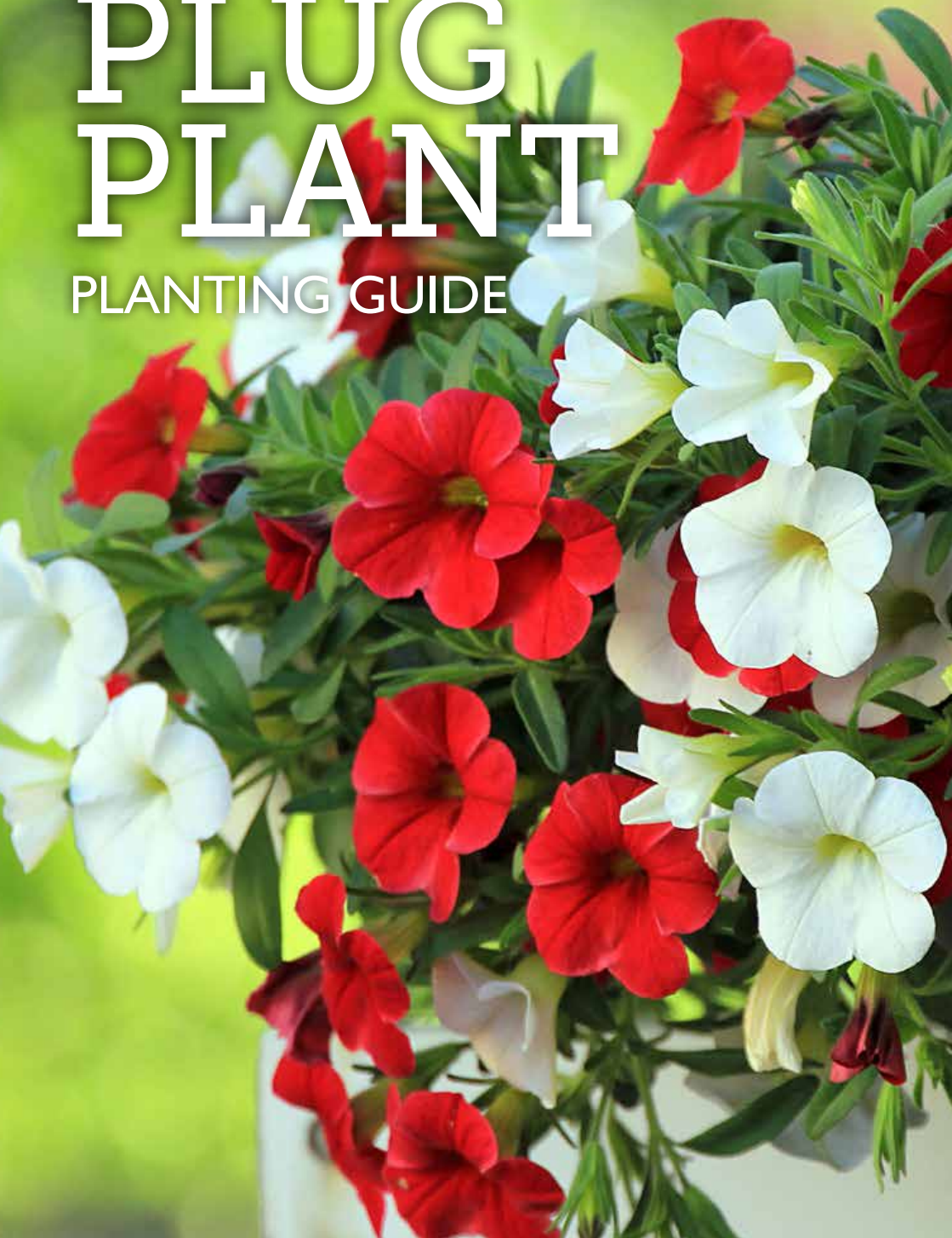


# PLUG PLANT

PLANTING GUIDE



# BEDDING PLANTS & PLUGS

We sell a wide range of bedding and basket plants in different sizes to suit different gardener's and different needs. The guides below will give you a bit of an explanation as to what each one is for...

**Important: Only plant out spring bedding after the last frosts – e.g. late April/early May.**

## PLUG PLANTS

Ideal for getting ahead of the game, these are trays of small plants that can be planted into pots straight away, but will need growing on for 4-5 weeks before planting out. They will arrive in nursery fresh condition inside a sturdy blister pack. Plug plants offer great value for money, usually coming in larger pack sizes and often in mixes and collections.

Height	Diameter	Potting on Time
4 - 6 cm	1.5 - 2 cm	4 - 5 weeks



## JUMBO PLUGS

These are larger sized plug plants that are slightly more established and can also be planted into pots straight away, but we would still advise growing on for 3-4 weeks before planting out. Jumbo plugs are more robust and offer great value as they are often offered in larger pack sizes for value and efficiency.

Height	Diameter	Potting on Time
6 - 8 cm	2.5 - 3.5 cm	3 - 4 weeks



## GARDEN READY PLUGS

For a more 'of the moment' choice or simply for convenience, Garden Ready Plugs need no growing on whatsoever. They are very large plugs or 'trayplants' that are more established and robust than smaller plugs. They can be planted direct into baskets, containers, beds and borders and will not take as long to flower or fruit. Often offered in larger pack sizes than potted plants, they offer great value for money.

Height	Diameter	Potting on Time
8 - 12 cm	6 cm +	Ready to plant



# REPLANTING YOUR PLUGS

For most Jumbo/Garden Ready collections, the “mini Greenhouse” they are packed in will have a label on the outside, listing the individual varieties inside. We recommend writing your own labels out on receipt!

Unpack plugs immediately, and stand them in water for an hour. If you can't do this, they can sit in Mini Greenhouses for a week if upright and not too wet. They may be slightly dry or yellow after being in a dark box in the post but they'll quickly recover. Put them somewhere warm, light and airy such as a windowsill or greenhouse.

When potting on (“pricking out”), handle plugs carefully. For plug plants in trays, push them out using a suitable small instrument through the hole in the bottom of each cell – e.g. a “dibber” or a pencil. Pot on using our Windowsill planters or 9cm pots in Shuttle Trays, using good multi-purpose compost. Give your plants a good water initially, then only when the top compost starts to dry. They don't like to be left in standing water.

If planting directly in to flower beds, prepare the ground well, removing weeds and digging in some compost or well-rotted manure if your soil is not already rich. Plant approx. 20cm (8”) apart to allow them room to grow. Feed using a high-potash feed such as Blooming Fast Superior Soluble Fertiliser for Flowers & Fruits, to encourage flowering. Dead-head when flowers fade to encourage more flowers. We recommend Easy Fill baskets for the very best hanging basket displays.



# SWEET PEAS

The plants have been grown in a net pot, which enables the roots to develop and is just the right size to enable safe effective shipping. Each pot has been multi-sown to contain a minimum of 4 plants. You can either plant directly into the ground with the pot, or gently tease the plants out of the pot and divide them, planting each into a separate 9cm pot. Sweet Peas require a support system to climb up – use posts and wire, canes and twine or netting. Once three or four pairs of leaves have developed the plants should be ‘pinched’ by removing an inch or so of the growing tips. This will encourage lateral shoots to break leading to much bushier more productive plants.

