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Raising your garden plants from plugs is the *EASY*, *FUN & ECONOMICAL* way to achieve great results in your garden with minimum fuss and maximum reward.

## **Initial Care of Your Plug Plants**

- 1. Open the packaging immediately upon receipt.
- 2. Place the plants somewhere reasonably warm.
  - a. If you have a greenhouse, around 16-18°C is the best temperature.
  - b. Alternatively a kitchen windowsill is a suitable place.
- 3. Transplant your plugs on the day you receive them if possible.
- 4. To soak a dry plug, it is best to stand the plug in a gravel tray or saucer of water for 10-15 minutes allowing the plug to draw the water up.

## **Potting On**

Although vigorous plants such as Petunias can be put straight into hanging baskets and large containers it is usually best to put plugs into smaller pots of about 7-9cm diameter.

We recommend that your new plants are potted on for 3-4 weeks to develop strong root growth prior to planting out.

The technique for potting on is straightforward:

- 1. Fill a pot to the brim with potting compost.
- 2. Tap the pot on a hard surface to level the compost (the compost may sink slightly)
- 3. Make a plug-sized hole in the top of the compost and insert the plug so that the top of the plug is close to the surface
- 4. Apply gentle pressure to the compost around the plug to firm it into place.
- 5. Gently water the plug and surrounding compost (a watering can and rose is best for this).
- 6. Grow on your plants in a fairly warm area such as a kitchen windowsill or greenhouse.
- 7. Once the plug has filled its pot the plant can be hardened off and set out in the garden whenever the weather permits.