

# **Planting and Care Instructions Papaver for Pot Culture**

Information to help you be more successful with our Papaver

## Upon arrival

Open all cartons/crates immediately after arrival, as the plants need fresh air. Always check plants directly after arrival and take notes of possible problems. If there are any problems, be sure to contact your sales representative immediately. Plants should be planted as soon as possible after arrival. Growers should have greenhouse space, pots and planting medium ready. (Check bottom of confirmation for approximate arrival date). If plants cannot be planted immediately they should be stored in a cool location, preferably at a temperature around 35F. Also make sure that you keep the cartons out of the sun and from too much ventilation, plants dry out very quickly.

Do not store the plants in closed boxes, as this will create condensation and might cause the roots to start rotting. If you detect this problem, make sure you take these plants out of the boxes. You cannot store these roots any longer they have to be potted immediately.

### General growing info

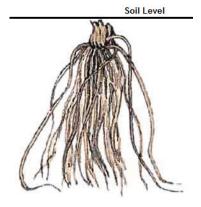
After planting a bare root Papaver in spring, it will take about 6-8 weeks before the plant is ready to be sold. It will take 8-10 weeks after planting for the plant to flower.

#### Soil

Papaver prefer a pH range about 5.5 to 6.2. We suggest using any bark-based, well-drained, commercial soil-less mix.

### **Planting and Maintenance**

We advise to use a 2Qt or gallon container.



Plant the crown/eyes at soil level.

#### **Light Conditions**

Provide moderate light intensity of 1,500-3,000 foot candles.

#### Watering

Maintain relatively dry conditions, allowing the medium to fully dry between irrigations. Always allow foliage to dry by nightfall to avoid disease.

## Fertilization and growth control:

Apply at every other irrigation with 75-100ppm of 15-0-15. Height can be controlled by withholding fertilizer.

## Temperature:

Grow Papaver at 50-55 degrees F days and 55-60 degrees F nights.



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#### **Claims or Comments**

If you run into anything that is not acceptable to you as a grower, we need to know. Please call your sales representative and explain in detail where you have experienced the problems. We will do anything we can to help you and make our organization better in the future. We do our best to ship viable, healthy plants, but we understand that problems do occur. If you feel there is a problem, please write within 10 working days of receipt of your order so we may render any possible assistance. In all cases <u>we need pictures</u> of the individual plants, the complete shipment, roots etc. If your shipment has been damaged or shorted, note this on the delivery documents and file a claim with the carrier right away. Also please notify us of any delays. All claims, damages, spoilage and shortages must be reported to us in a written note or letter stating the problem <u>within 10 working days</u>.

Claims received after this period or claims that are not supported by pictures will be respectfully declined.