



Watering & Fertilizing Instructions

~ for outdoor hanging baskets, planters, and wallbags from The Greenery ~

Fertilizing

New Guinea Impatiens (both Hanging Baskets & Wallbags)

- These products are NOT pre-fertilized, but are LIGHT FEEDERS and should not get too much fertilizer. Use ½ strength 20-20-20 once a week. To make ½ strength fertilizer use about 1 ½ level teaspoons per gallon (4 litres). Use warm water to completely dissolve the fertilizer crystals before use.

Zonal Geranium Hanging Baskets & All Plastic & Wooden Planters

- These products are NOT pre-fertilized, and should get a weekly feeding of 20-20-20 at full strength. To make full strength fertilizer use about 3 level teaspoons per gallon (4 litres). Use warm water to completely dissolve the fertilizer crystals before use.

All Other Hanging Baskets including Cedar Baskets & Wallbags

- These baskets ARE pre-fertilized, but still need a weekly feeding at ½ strength of 20-20-20, for optimum show. To make ½ strength fertilizer use about 1 ½ level teaspoons per gallon (4 litres). Use warm water to completely dissolve the fertilizer crystals before use.

Watering

- Watering frequency will vary from once every second day on rainy, cool days to three times a day on very hot or windy days. Many baskets contain lobelia and when these flowers close or wilt, this is an indication that watering frequency is inadequate and needs to be increased.
- When adjusting to weather conditions, the best indicator is the weight of the container, not the “finger test”. When watering or fertilizing, water until it runs out the bottom of the container. Note: Watch for shrinkage gaps after severe drying – in this case water will prematurely run out the bottom.
- Wallbags need patient watering. The TOP half and the BOTTOM half of the bag are watered separately. The top is watered directly through the soil surface and the bottom is watered through the pipe. Alternate watering the soil surface and the pipe until water drips out the bottom drain holes.
- Geraniums and Petunias should be placed in bright locations with a reasonable amount of direct sun; petunias are best for full sun.
- Fuchsias, Begonias, and all Impatiens should be placed in bright, but shaded locations, where they’ll get filtered sunlight, and perhaps early morning / late evening direct sun.

For questions after closing, phone (250) 762-7411 and leave a message or email us at flowers@thegreenery.ca