

PLEASE READ BEFORE UNPACKING YOUR PLANTS



*Thank you for purchasing Paulownia preStarters™ grown in biodegradable jiffy pots from TGG.
Please read the following step by step guide carefully.*

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE PLANTATION MANAGER

1) UNLOADING AND UNPACKING THE TRAYS. *A team is required to receive the delivery.*

Once unloaded *immediately* lift the trays from the cartons using care not to break leaves or stems.

The cartons are reusable. Please follow the instruction of our driver and collapse the cartons as per the printing on the base. *It is crucial the tongue and lock flaps on the base of the carton are not bent as this would mean they can not be used again.* The flat cartons can now be reloaded onto the truck for return.

2) WATERING THE TRAYS. Once freed from the carton, water the PreStarters in the tray using a gentle watering rose or sprinkler system, making sure the water gets past the leaves and soaks the growing medium to the point where it drains from the bottom of the trays. Don't water with a heavy spray or the trees may bend excessively causing their leaves to cling together and hold them down which may lead to an 's' bend trunk. (If this occurs they may be trimmed to the strongest node below the bend and they will regrow with a straight trunk.)

3) HOLDING BEFORE PLANTING. *Other than perhaps a few days to acclimatise, we strongly advise you to plant the trees as soon as possible.* However, if you need to hold them it is important the trays are kept up off the ground in a weed free environment. You may use wire mesh, but even something simple like 250mm (10inch) plant pots sat the right way up make a cheap temporary bench – anything which allows air to circulate under the trays to stop roots from growing out the bottom is suitable. While in the trays the PreStarters are very susceptible to drying out. You may need to water them more than once a day during extremely hot weather, but don't over-water if it is cloudy and cool or they may rot. Generally every second day is enough in spring. When using a sprinkler system make sure you water the edges by hand occasionally (as needed). If you wish to hold the PreStarters in the trays longer than fourteen days (*not recommended*) use a half strength liquid fertiliser once every twenty one days to keep them healthy without promoting tall, soft, vigorous growth.

4) REMOVING THE PLANT FROM THE TRAY. *Water before planting.* It is crucial that the PreStarters are watered thoroughly just before planting out to avoid transplant stress. The Jiffy pots are joined in strips. **Grip the plant by the pot NOT THE STEM** and carefully tear off each one to be planted, being sure not to damage or break the pot itself. *The root system should not be removed from the jiffy pot – the whole pot should be planted.*

5) PLANTING OUT. Plant the trees into well cultivated, friable, *moist* soil. The roots of the plantlets should not be disturbed and they should be planted to a depth to cover the top of the Jiffy pot with no more than 2.5cm (1 inch) of soil. Gently firming the soil around the PreStarter in such a way as to leave a bowl around the base of the trunk will conserve the initial watering. **Water in immediately.** The use of a medium strength liquid seaweed solution may help reduce transplant shock.

6) SEE TECHNICAL BULLETIN # 1. Follow the more detailed instructions regarding plantation establishment provided in Technical Bulletin #1. *It's essential to provide suitable on-going fertiliser.*

7) PROBLEMS, QUERIES, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS. Contact TGG by Telephone (03) 5983 5688 (international +61 3 5983 5688) preferably between 8.30am and 5.30am Australian Eastern Standard Time. Monday to Friday, or any time any day send facsimile (03) 5983 1999 (international +61 3 5983 1999) or email help@toadgully.com.au Visit our internet site at <http://www.toadgully.com.au>

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