

Planting a *water lily*

By following these basic steps when planting your lilies, you will be rewarded with a stunning array of colour in your backyard pond.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Premium garden soil
- Coarse river sand
- River pebbles or blue metal
- Paper, any type
- Fertiliser in pill form



PICTURE 1 & PICTURE 2
Place fertiliser pill in bottom of pot.
Half fill with garden soil.

PICTURE 3
Trim the roots of the waterlily as this will encourage the promotion of strong, new growth.

PICTURE 4
Place the lily in one side of the pot so that the roots have more room to grow in one direction.



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PICTURE 5

It is important when filling the pot with the premium garden soil (not a potting mix) to keep the crown of the waterlily above the soil level.

PICTURE 6

Place a layer of river sand two to three cm deep, on top of the soil.

PICTURE 7

Place large pebbles on top of the sand. This is essential if you are going to add large fish to your pond or wish to add a decorative touch.

PICTURE 8

The finished product.

WATER LILY TIPS

For the best results when placing your lilies in the new pond, always make sure they are suited to their environment. For example, either full sun or partial shade plants.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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