

CARING FOR ACCENT PLANTS

SOIL

Always use free draining soil with your plants unless it is a bog type plant that needs a less draining soil.

RE – POTTING

The best time to re-pot is in spring. When re-potting, take all the peat off new plants and replace it with a free draining mix. Add a small amount of slow releasing fertilizer. Trace elements can be added to the mix. A liquid fertilizer can also be used every two weeks throughout the growing season.

AFTER CARE

Most plants are lost after re-potting because of the trauma, so keep the freshly potted plants out of direct sunlight, put into a shaded area and keep plants well protected in winter away from hard frosts.

POTS

Deep, rather than shallow pots are better in general, giving a bigger area for the roots to grow and also for better drainage. Always try and use suitable pots for your plants.

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CARING FOR ASPARAGUS LACE FERNS AND HUMATA TYERMANNII OR TIGER FERNS

LIGHT

Dappled shade is ideal, but plants will acclimatize to more lighter conditions.

WATERING

Keep nice and damp, don't let them dry out completely.

TEMPERATURE

These plants like warm temperatures, but will adapt to cooler conditions, but are not frost hardy.

SOIL

Keep in well drained compost soil and re-pot every two years in spring, when they can be split into multiple plants.

FERTILIZER

Feed every two weeks in growing season with a weak solution of liquid fertilizer.

CARING FOR MINATURE MINI HOSTAS

These are great accent plants for bonsai, they have good colour, flowers and great impact for a small pot.

- NO. 1 When using mini hostas as accent plants for bonsai, make sure to use a deeper pot with good drainage holes,
- NO. 2 The soil for hostas or any accent plant should be free draining to help eliminate root rot.
- NO. 3 Re-potting can be done in spring. Slow release plant food can be added when potting up your plants.
- NO. 4 Protect your plants by overwintering in a greenhouse or cold frame. Plants can also be put back into plant pots during winter and split to make more plants in spring.