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## *Premium Self-Watering Planter Systems* Installation and Planting Instructions

**Wick:** The first thing you will notice is the internal wick...and yes, that is carpeting. We use recovered carpeting as the main component for our wicking system. It's a remarkable material that lasts for years. Also, over 5 billion pounds of carpeting get thrown into our local landfills each year so we're doing our small part to recycle this material.

**Soil:** USE ONLY A PEAT-BASED GROWING MEDIUM. Your premium sub-irrigation planter was designed to use a peat-based growing medium, we recommend Pro-Mix BX but any peat-based soil will suffice. **Regular dirt, compost-based mediums, etc...cannot be used as they interfere with the proper operation of the planter.**

**Fertilizer:** we recommend adding a slow-release fertilizer (Osmocote) to the Pro-Mix. This will ensure proper nutrition while feeding your plants for up to 3 months.

**Top Fill Plug:** your planter is designed with an easy access top assembly to fill the water reservoir. The plug should always be in place when not filling...this prevents dirt, debris and bugs from entering the reservoir.

1. Do Not Fill with Water until you've transported the planter to its location. Once filled the planter will be heavy so filling the reservoir should be done last.
2. Begin by wetting the Pro-mix or other peat-based mix as you add the soil to the planter. Do not overwater, mix should be spongy. Make sure to fill the entire center wick. Osmocote or other slow-release fertilizer can also be added during this step.
3. Do not compress the soil while adding, it should remain loose. Continue filling until approximately 3" from the top of the planter.

#### **4. Begin planting.**

Models with a planting tray of 8" or less. These models are designed for all flowers and small to medium sized plants. If you're planting mature plants we recommend pots with a root ball of 10" or less. It's important to remove as much of the soil surrounding the root ball as possible before planting. Do this by gently spraying with a hose until the roots are exposed. Pick up the root ball with two hands and gently place into the soil-less mix.

Models with a planting tray of 11" or more. These models are designed to handle all flowers, plants, small to medium-sized shrubs and trees. If planting a mature root ball make sure to remove as much soil as possible by gently spraying with a hose until the roots are exposed. Once complete the root ball can be placed into planter.

5. Remove the top fill plug and place your hose into the opening. When the planter is full you will see and hear water coming out of the bottom. This is our internal overflow system that ensures your planter cannot be overfilled and is part of the planter's normal operation.

6. Always replace the top plug after filling your planter. This keeps dirt, debris and insects from entering the water reservoir.

Your planter is ready to go. For additional information visit <http://www.rotocast.com/container-e-self-watering-commercial-wine-barrel-planter.html>. You can also email us at [info@rotocast.com](mailto:info@rotocast.com) or call 310.522.4156

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO DRAIN YOUR PLANTER OR INSERT AT THE END OF THE SEASON. FAILURE TO PROPERLY DRAIN VOIDS YOUR WARRANTY!**