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PLANTING AQUATIC PLANTS.



'Black Gamecock Iris'

Soil

All aquatic plants should preferably be planted in rich clay based topsoil. Try to avoid a soil with a lot of compost or peat, as the lighter materials tend to float. Most commercially bagged and sterilized soil is not suitable for aquatic plants because they contain these materials. Aquatic soil developed specifically for water plants is normally available from your local garden centre.

Containers

Plastic containers are recommended because they are sturdy yet light in weight. Marginal or bog plants can be planted in any suitable container, usually 8 to 10" across, but the



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bigger the better. Keep in mind that aquatic plants will grow proportionately to the size of the container in which they are planted. Too small containers will slow their growth by allowing them to become overcrowded quickly. For more stability, use wide base pots for tall, emergent plants. Most water lilies require large containers from 15” to 24” across, with a capacity of 27 liter ($\frac{3}{4}$ bu.) of soil per lily or larger, Dwarf varieties can be planted in 10” to 12” pots, but at least an 18 liter ($\frac{1}{2}$ bu.) container is recommended. Lotus require at least a 27 liter container but prefer larger containers with rounded corners. Even dwarf Lotus need at least a 27 liter container. Use 8” pots or shallow trays for planting oxygenating plants.