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## **TRANSPLANTING HARDY AND TROPICAL WATER LILIES**

### **Transplanting Potted Hardy and Tropical Water Lilies.**

Potted hardy lilies can be transplanted into larger containers until September. Transplant tropical lilies in June when the water temperature has warmed to above 20 degrees C. Cold water will cause the young plants to become dormant. Tropical lilies and hardy lilies must be transplanted from their original pots to an 18 – 27 liter container or large. If left in the original container, the lily will become pot bound, which will stunt their growth. Therefore, a large container allows enough room to grow, so that your lily will grow to its full potential and bloom frequently. Fill the large container half full of moistened, tamped down soil. If using an organic fertilizer, add a mixture of fertilizer and soil. Carefully remove the original pot from the lily and place the lily (soil and all) into the centre of the large container. Fill the remaining space with moist soil leaving about 1 inch from the top of the pot. Tamp soil down gently. If using fertilizer tablets, put 5 – 6 tablets around the pot and cover with soil. Cover soil with a layer of gravel, making sure that there is **NO SOIL OR GRAVEL ON THE CROWN**. The gravel will help reduce the amount of soil stirred up and discoloring the water and also helps discourage the fish from uprooting the plants. It is a good idea to soak the soil with some warm pond water before placing the containers in the pond to reduce the amount of muddying of the pond. Using aquatic soil also significantly reduces muddying the pond. Water lilies are heavy feeders and should be fertilized with 4 fertilizer tablets once a month from April to August for maximum bloom and growth.

### **Positioning Your Lilies**

Position your lilies in the middle of the pond about 5 – 6 feet apart. Initially, it is best to have the lilies at the shallower depth (approximately 6 inches of water) and then gradually move them deeper as the lily grows. You may need blocks to raise the lilies to the proper depth. Water lilies will grow in 6 inches up to 3 feet of water, depending on the variety. Do not place water lilies close to waterfalls or fountains where they will be splashed.