

# Pottery Care Instructions

Winter Proof • Frost Proof • Frost-Resistant

## What does this mean?

When thinking about the best way to winterize planters, there's one thing everyone should realize: freezing water expands and is even capable of cracking steel. It is therefore impossible to produce pots that are 100% frost-proof. The amount of water contained in the pot determines its durability. Our frost-resistant planters are manufactured with the best quality materials and with the greatest of care. They are subject to strict quality controls, and with proper care, they will withstand winter months.

## The Best Way to Make Your Planters Frost-Resistant

Make sure that the bottom hole is free of debris. Fill the bottom of your planter with packing peanuts or clean drainage stone (20-30% high). Then cover drainage material with quality landscape fabric. Then fill the rest of the planter with quality potting soil. Place your planter on a hard surface or raise up on pot feet or a riser. Replace all of your potting soil each spring, unless you are leaving shrubs in your planter year-round. If you are leaving shrubs in your planter year-round, try to replace some of your potting soil each early spring. This will help with drainage.

## Winter Care

The best plan is to store both plant and the pot in a dry, sheltered place. If the planted pot is to be left outside, then the pot must have excellent drainage. Raise the pot off the ground to allow the water to drain and prevent it from freezing. We recommend placing the planted pot under a covered location and you can determine the amount of water that your planted pot will need (don't let your plant dry out over the winter). Take care to prevent water from gathering in empty containers by storing upside down or with a cover, or store in a shed or garage.



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