

Terms of business

This combined list of clematis and other plants cancels those previously published. It covers the entire 2019 season, but it should be pointed out that some plants which are available for spring planting are no longer so in autumn; conversely, others are not yet available at the time of publication and will become so only in summer and autumn.

Conditions of Sale—We believe that all plants sent out by us are true to name and every effort is made to see that stock is of the best quality; however, no warranty, expressed or implied, is given as to description, quality or any other matter. Due to poor planting conditions, unfavourable weather or neglect, plants will often fail, and we therefore hold ourselves under no obligation to consider complaints unless they are made immediately on receipt or within 7 days.

Our potting compost

The plants in our nursery have been grown in our own homemade soil based-compost that is peat free and based on a John Innes formula. This is made up of loam from our own turf heaps, made up of sods collected from the surrounding fields, cut, stacked, and left to mature before being tilled, graded, and sterilised. This then has composted bark, crushed horticultural grit, lime, base fertiliser and an inorganic slow-released fertiliser added to it. This is a slow and arduous process with very little mechanisation involved, but it is one that gives us the best results. And although this old-fashioned compost is more expensive and difficult to produce, it has several advantages that far outweigh its disadvantages:

- Loam is a natural growing medium for plants with a good supply of nutrients and trace elements
- Our plants establish into the garden far better as a result of already growing in a soil-based medium
- Our compost is moisture-retentive as well as being well-drained
- Our compost is peat free
- Our compost is easy to rewet once dried out
- Our compost grows really tough, hard little plants that may be smaller than the ones you buy at most garden centres but they establish very rapidly, adjusting better to garden soil than most plants grown in peat based or alternative composts.

It is an artisan mix that gives the best results.

Pot sizes and prices

In general our £3.50 plants are in 9cm pots, £4.50 plants are in 10x10x11cm pots, £6.50 plants are in 1.5-2litre pots and £8.50 plants are in 2 litre deep pots. But there are always exceptions and as the season progresses and plants grow, they may be potted on and thus incur a price increase.

Autumn planting

We would encourage all our customers to autumn plant. Trends have moved away from this but a hardy plant put into the ground in autumn to early winter will have a chance to put on some root growth and settle in before it begins to grow in the spring. This way it will have a head start on plantings made the following year, and reduce the need to water during the coming season.