OUT OF THE BOX

WILLOW SALIX 'PINK PRINCESS' PATIO TREE
SKU #M46300

Your tree is shipped to you in a bare root, dormant state. Cottage Farms urges you to remove it from the shipping box and plant it as soon as possible. Should planting be delayed due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the bare root tree should be left in its poly bag and stored in a cool, dark location. Keep roots moist, but not soaking wet by using a spray bottle to mist the roots. Once planted, it may take 4-6 weeks depending upon weather and other environmental conditions, to start setting roots and showing new growth. It is not unusual for each tree to break dormancy at a different time.

The roots of your tree are coated with Terra-Sorb® Hydrogel to protect them from drying out during handling and transport. It is environmentally safe and should be left on the roots. Simply plant your tree according to the instructions included in this guide.

To ensure your tree keeps its form, remove any growth that appears on the trunk below the main branches as it appears. Also, remove any growth coming up from the root system.

For dynamic long lasting color in a patio tree, nothing can top the Pink Princess Willow! From the minute it leafs out in spring the leaves look almost white and as they mature take on a pink hue! During the growing season every time there is new growth the color pattern begins all over, with green leaves eventually having white mottled irregular coloring. The easy to grow tree can be kept small with shearing and is a delight in the landscape or can be planted into a large patio container. This plant loves moisture but once established can tolerate periods of dryness.

Caution: Do not assume any plant is safe to eat. Only parts of plants expressly grown to be eaten should be considered edible. As with any product that is not food, care should be taken to make sure that small children and pets do not ingest any part of a plant that is not expressly grown to be eaten.

Unless specifically stated, this product is intended for ornamental horticultural use only and is not intended for consumption or ingestion by humans or pets. Most plants are harmless but some contain toxic substances which can cause adverse health effects. Furthermore, some individuals and some animals are sensitive or allergic to certain plants and precautions should be taken to limit or avoid physical contact with particular plants. Some plants have thorns or spines that can be painful if handled.

In case of ingestion contact a poison control center immediately.

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SOIL PREPARATION

Although these plants will perform well in average garden soils of all types, we recommend having your soil tested periodically by your local County Extension Office (www.csrees.usda.gov/extension or by calling 1-800-333-4636). These tests can determine if the soil needs any amendments to enhance your plants' growth and performance. See below for our recommended practices to improve your soil without any additional testing:

1. Spade or till the soil to a depth of 12-18 inches.
2. To provide nutrients and improve drainage, add organic matter to your soil by mixing in a 2 to 4-inch layer of dehydrated manure, garden compost, shredded leaves, and/or peat moss.
3. After active growth begins, periodically feed with Cottage Farms' water soluble Carefree Bud-N-Flower Booster (SKU #M7582). Plants in containers need more frequent watering and feeding, especially when in active growth and bloom.

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

A. Dig a hole large enough to give the roots plenty of room, with a few inches of space beyond the root tips and the sides of the hole. Build a mound of soil in the bottom of the hole and spread the roots in a natural position atop the mound.

B. Position the plant so the previous soil line is even with ground level. (The stem/trunk will be darker in color below the original planting line and lighter in color above it).

C. Once the plant is positioned at the proper planting depth, begin filling the hole with soil. Work the soil around the roots with your hands. When the hole is half filled, tamp the soil to remove any air pockets.

D. Fill the planting hole with water and let it soak in. Straighten the plant in the hole and finish filling with soil.

E. Form a "saucer" of soil around the edges of the planting hole and fill it with water.

F. To assist the roots in getting anchored, be sure to stake the tree. This will also maintain upper balance so that the trunk will continue to grow straight.

FEEDING

Feed your plants once every 2-3 weeks during the growing season with a water-soluble fertilizer such as Cottage Farms' Carefree Bud-N-Flower Booster (SKU #M7582). Discontinue feeding after September 1st so your plants can harden off for winter dormancy. Resume fertilizing when new growth appears in the spring.

CONTINUING CARE

A thorough watering in late fall will greatly enhance the plant's cold tolerance.

The time to protect your plants in the garden is after the ground has frozen. At that time, apply a winter mulch of evergreen boughs, straws or leaves to prevent lifting of the plant's roots during alternating periods of freezing and thawing.

For container planting, move plants next to your home's southern foundation for added warmth and protection. They may also be moved into an unheated, protected area such as a garage or cellar. If moved to a protected area, be sure to check the soil moisture every 7-10 days and water as needed.

In spring, remove the mulch from in-ground plantings. Also, bring containerized plants back out into the garden sunlight where they will immediately begin to repeat their yearly garden performance.

QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

| LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE | Full to partial sun.
| USDA HARDINESS ZONES | 4 to 8.
| PLANT TYPE | Perennial.
| PLANTING DISTANCE IN-GROUND | 8 to 10 feet apart.
| CONTAINER SIZE | One plant per 24-inch or larger container.
| MATURE HEIGHT / SPREAD | 8 feet with a similar spread.
| BLOOM TIME | N/A

CONTINUING CARE (Continued)

B. Apply a 2-4 inch layer of shredded bark, compost or other organic mulch around your plants to promote moisture retention, maintain even soil temperatures, and discourage weed growth.

C. Keep the area around your plants free of weeds. Weeds compete with all plants for food, water and light. Walk around the garden periodically and pull weeds, including the roots, as soon as you see them.

D. Improves the size and quality of the tree and maintains a healthy, happy plant for many years. Remove any branches that become overlapped, damaged, or unsightly.

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