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## **Geranium Fact Sheet**

Geraniums are available in upright and trailing varieties. They are Mediterranean plants, so the more sun they receive, the more they flower! Geraniums are wonderful summer bedding plants. Trailing varieties look fantastic in hanging baskets and tubs, whilst upright varieties are ideal for tubs or garden borders. To fill a 12" or 30cm hanging basket with trailing geraniums, we would recommend using 4 trailing geranium plugs. To fill a 12" or 30cm tub with upright geraniums, we would recommend using 3 upright geranium plugs to give the appearance of 1 large plant.

Our Geranium plug plants are supplied as large plug plants with a 3cm root ball, and a coloured named label. When you receive your plug plants we recommend that you unpack them as soon as possible. They need potting on into a 9 or 10cm pot and growing on in a greenhouse or sunny windowsill. They need to be kept at a minimum temperature of 7C, before planting in the garden after the risk of frost has passed. We recommend that all of our plug plants should be kept quite dry in the early stages of growing as this will encourage root growth. This is particularly true for Geraniums, as they can tolerate dry conditions, so be careful of overwatering. However it is very important not to let them dry out completely!

When your plugs are ready to plant in the garden, Geraniums prefer a sunny spot as this will encourage flowering. They need feeding weekly whilst flowering, and must not be allowed to dry out. It is best to water in the mornings or evenings instead of when the sun is at its strongest, to avoid scorching the leaves. Remove faded blooms to encourage new flower growth. Full growing instructions are supplied with all our plants.