

# Fact Sheet 4

## CHOOSING YOUR WATER PLANTS AND PLANTING YOUR POND

- When buying plants, check the flowering times of the individual species and varieties if you want to ensure plenty of flowers around your pond from Spring to Autumn.
- Very tall species of plants such as reeds or broad-leaf mace can look out of scale and be too vigorous in small garden ponds.
- In our experience, most plants look better in groups than planted singly in or out of the pond.
- The requirements of aquatic plants are very simple: sunlight, good loamy soil to grow in and an adequate depth of water.

### Planting your Pond

It is advisable to have all aquatic plants in baskets as this offers more control over their growth and makes maintenance easier. We supply metal cover grids to protect the plants from larger Koi, which can be destructive to submerged plants. Do not use garden soil or multi purpose compost as this will contain a large amount of organics which will encourage unwanted algae and blanket weed.

As well as baskets and liners we stock good, loamy soil, in small and large bags, together with pea gravel to top dress your baskets.

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