

Planting Instructions for EasyVine™ Green Benchgrafts

The new EasyVine™ green benchgraft is a compilation of our traditional benchgraft grown in a new soft medium, called SpongeSoil™, which is a compact, rich soil infused with a binding agent that holds the root system together during planting — and also provides continued protection and nourishment. SpongeSoil™ allows for optimum drainage and porosity.

Your EasyVine™ green benchgrafts have been acclimated, pre-graded and trimmed and are ready to plant without further handling. Plant as soon as possible after delivery.

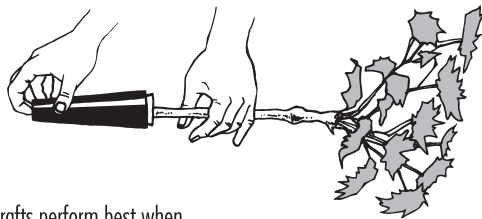
Inspect your delivery immediately to confirm that you have received quality EasyVine™ green benchgrafts.

1. EasyVine™ green benchgrafts should be planted as soon as possible after delivery. Prior to planting, vines should be placed in a sunny and wind protected location. Plant soil media should be kept moist during this time. Irrigate twice daily. More irrigations may be necessary for vines on outside edge of pallet and/or during hot or windy conditions.

2. Care should be taken when handling EasyVine™ green benchgrafts. At this early age of the vine, the graft union is still fragile. Always handle vines by the black container. Never drop vines or handle roughly. Never pull vine from container without following directions below.

3. Removing EasyVine™ benchgrafts from container:
NEVER attempt removal by pulling rootstock stem without following these steps:

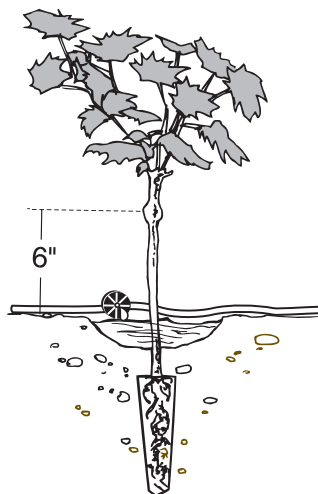
- Press two fingers up through bottom of container about 2 inches to loosen compaction.
- Gently pull vine from container and plant immediately.



4. EasyVine™ green benchgrafts perform best when planted in moist soil. An irrigation may be necessary prior to planting if soil moisture is low. Do not plant during hot windy conditions.

5. Dig a hole 6 inches in diameter and 12 inches deep with spade or auger.

6. Plant at a depth of 6 inches from graft union to soil level. Top of SpongeSoil™ should have at least 2 inches of soil cover. Back fill with herbicide-free soil and tamp lightly to fill air voids. Leave a small reservoir for water. When planted correctly, SpongeSoil™ should be straight and vertical; bent or overpacked SpongeSoil™ may fail. Proper planting is a must.



7. Irrigation:

- For drip irrigation: placement of drip emitter should be directly above or uphill/above vine so reservoir catches water and directs the irrigation into plant rooting zone.
- For flood or furrow irrigation: This type of irrigation can be successful but is not recommended. Water should be directed as close to vine as possible so irrigation water is at a level 1-2 inches higher than top of the SpongeSoil™.

8. Irrigate thoroughly (completely wetting root zone) immediately after planting. Following irrigations should be 1-3 times per week depending on soil moisture. During this post-planting phase of vine development, the root zone should be kept moist, not wet. Moisture should be checked after irrigation to confirm adequate water delivery to the vine rooting zone.

Excessive irrigation with prolonged wet periods will stunt and even kill young grapevines.

9. Fertilizer applications may start with the first irrigation after planting. We suggest using one pound of actual Nitrogen per 1000 gallons water. Fertilizer applications may not be necessary if favorable soil and weather conditions exist.

10. Milk cartons can be utilized to protect the vine in areas of heavy wind or to protect from pest pressure.

11. When shoots grow up to 10-12 inches, they should be secured to the stake to protect the graft union from wind breakage. This is not necessary with non-grafted vines.

NOTE: Failure to follow these instructions may void warranty.



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