



Butia Growing Guide

The following will be of use to ensure that your palm has the best possible start.

- Take care on opening. The netting is best cut at the base of the container and pulled upwards to remove.
- Don't let them stand in cold water or the roots will rot.
- Using a slow or controlled release fertilizer when planting will ensure that your plant is correctly fed and will grow at an optimum rate remembering to re-pot as necessary. John Innes or general multi- purpose compost will usually have sufficient food for the first 4-6 weeks, if no food is added.
- *Butia capitata* will live outside all year round and are ready to leave outside being hardy to a minimum -8°C . They are however very slow growing and if you are able to protect a plant in winter it will be better.
- *Butia* will tolerate full sun or part shade in rich, fairly well drained soil.
- Nearly all *Butia* have brown/yellow marks on them if left out for winter and this does not indicate a damaged plant. If a leaf becomes tatty, simply prune the stem to the trunk and new leaves will emerge from the crown of the palm.
- As *Butia* are monocots (single trunked), the trunk will increase in size from the base of the old leaf stems and pruning old leaf stems will keep them looking tidy.
- Please have a look at www.easytropicals.com for companion ideas & a general hardiness guide. If you have any questions please email for a prompt reply.

Many thanks for looking.