



## **Fatsia Care Details**

- Water in well and keep watering and feeding regularly for the first year until the plant has established. The best time to plant outside is spring/early summer to give the plant time to establish itself before the winter.
- Fatsia japonica or False Castor Oil Plant is a hardy plant that will live outside all year round in a sheltered place and frost is not usually a problem. Continued cold winds are best avoided until established though and do not plant in a very exposed windy site. If you live in a very frost prone area, these are best grown south facing in shelter, otherwise the leaves may be damaged by frosts. In frosty weather, the leaves curl and look contorted but they return to normal when de-frosted! A good place for them is under larger trees, against warm walls or in sheltered corners.
- Fatsia grow anywhere from full sun to deep-shade in any soil and can be grown in pots if desired. Removing the berries produced in late autumn will increase the leaf size next spring. Adding a mulch of manure or garden compost around the base of the plant in spring will speed growth if required. Fatsia are evergreen and can have an eventual height and spread of 3x4metres if left unpruned.
- They can also be grown indoors as houseplants in a cool, dark place. Keep well watered in the growing season. The final pot size will determine the overall height of the plant if space is limited.
- 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.
- Please have a look at [www.easytropicals.com](http://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.