



Gunnera Care Details

- Gunnera are water loving plants and perform their best when planted next to a pond for example. You can still grow Gunnera anywhere but they must always be very well watered.
- A simple way to create a bog garden is to dig a hole 60-90 cm deep, place a piece of butyl pond liner around the bottom and sides and puncture the liner in about 10 places (so the soil does not become too waterlogged). Fill in the hole and plant the Gunnera as normal. The water in this area will be retained much better and the plant will therefore require less watering.
- 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.
- It is advisable to plant Gunnera outside when all risk of this years' frost has passed to give the plant a headstart.
- In October, simply fold over this seasons leaves onto the crown to offer basic winter protection, which is all they need.
- Gunnera manicata can become huge plants in time and clumps can be divided to create new plants (if you have the space!). The more water the roots have the larger the plants will grow.
- 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.