



Mahonia Care Details

- Water in well for the first year until the plant has established itself.
- 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.
- The best time to plant outside is spring/early summer to give the plant time to establish itself before the winter.
- Mahonia is a hardy plant that will live outside all year round and frost is not usually a problem. They are best planted at the back of a border and provide year round interest. Occasionally in severe winters, the new growth can be damaged but the plant survives. Flowering period is from November to January and edible fruit may be produced in spring.
- Mahonia grow best in moist, relatively humus-rich soil and ideally in semi-shade to deep shade, though will take full sun. If left unpruned they can become quite tall and leggy with plenty of woody growth. If this happens, they can be pruned to 50cm where they will regenerate well. Reducing the plant size by a third each year over 3 years and pinching out old flower shoots on smaller plants can encourage a more even habit.
- Unpruned height and spread can be 4mx4m and Mahonia is an excellent beginners shrub.
- 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 looking.