



## Eucalyptus Growing Guide

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

- Take care on opening. If purchasing a 2L or larger plant, the netting is best cut at the base of the container and pulled upwards to remove. Please be careful as you can easily snag the stem.
- 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.
- Eucalyptus will live outside all year round and are ready to leave outside now (Plants ex.9cm are best grown into at least a 2-3L first). They have been acclimatised and are hardy. Frost is not a problem but continued cold winds are best avoided until established.
- Please do not plant in a very exposed windy site.
- Eucalyptus will grow best in full sun in any soil except very heavy clay or acidic soil.
- If you are looking to contain the height, an annual pruning will keep them as large shrubs and keep the juvenile lush, rounded leaves. If you are looking for a large tree, the older leaves are a blue/silver and sickle shaped and require minimal maintenance. Eucalyptus can grow very tall very quickly when planted in the ground especially from their third year of planting onwards.
- 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.