

## **How to Grow Pittosporum**

**Position** – Full sun or part shade

**Soil** – Well-drained

**Flowering Period** – Spring and summer

**Hardiness** – Fully hardy to hardy (dependant on variety)

### **About Pittosporum**

Pittosporum are evergreen shrubs or trees with dense leathery foliage, supporting often scented blooms that form tight clusters during spring and summer. Once the flowering period is over, woody fruits often follow splitting to reveal seeds that are set in a sticky pulp. These shrubs are perfect to create hedging and screens within low maintenance gardens. You should expect to see Pittosporum grow to an approximate height and spread of 1.5m (5').

### **How to plant Pittosporum**

Pittosporum are best planted in well-drained soil of chalk, sand and loam within an acidic, alkaline or neutral PH balance. These shrubs are best positioned in an area of full sun but are tolerant of part shade if necessary.

At the time of planting, make sure that you amend the soil with organic matter such as compost or manure. This will add vital nutrients whilst improving overall drainage. Ensure the planting hole is the same depth as the root ball and twice as wide. Place your Pittosporum into the planting hole and push the soil back around the base of your plant. Water thoroughly and deeply to settle the soil in place and to encourage healthy root development.

### **How to care for Pittosporum**

Pittosporum are incredibly tolerant to many planting conditions and are incredibly low maintenance, making them a highly popular plant for those with limited time. The only request is that the soil has adequate drainage and is not over-watered and left continuously moist. Water sparingly unless in conditions of drought. You may wish to prune Pittosporum to maintain a healthy and desirable shape and size. To encourage an abundance of scented blooms for the following season, prune right after the flowering period.

### **How to Propagate Pittosporum**

It is possible to propagate Pittosporum by seed or alternatively by semi-hardwood cuttings.