



Watering Tips for HydraFiber[®] Blends

Recognizing HydraFiber's differences is key to realizing the great benefits this advanced substrate technology provides, such as superior rooting performance. Use these quick guidelines for all HydraFiber-grown crops.

- Initial watering after transplant is very critical. Do not saturate the mix immediately after transplant. Water as needed to keep the plugs / liners moist and help them push roots to the bottom of the pots. Once roots reach the bottom, you can saturate the pot and let it dry down before the next irrigation.
- Let your plants talk – do not rely on surface drying or container weight alone. HydraFiber mixes have low density and they tend to stay drier on top. Paying close attention to visual cues will help you better manage irrigation.
- Because of its lighter color, the surface of HydraFiber mixes dries more quickly than darker-colored substrates. The media may still have sufficient moisture below the surface and care should be taken to not water based on surface drying alone. However, the good news is that the air space HydraFiber adds to mixes makes them more forgiving should growers water plants too much.
- HydraFiber mixes will stay hydrated longer. Most growers tell us they water up to about one-third less. Less frequent irrigation can mean less feed (concentration) – consider increasing feed by 25% especially during the cooler months and for heavy feeders.
- Establish container weight guidelines specific to HydraFiber blends to help in training new growers / waterers to check for irrigation needs.

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