

NEW! Wave[®] Series Spreading Petunia Landscape Tips

Important Notes for Growing & Using Wave[®] Petunias in the Landscape

■ **Start with “fresh” plugs.** Avoid starting from rootbound plugs. Plants grown from rootbound plugs may thrive in the greenhouse or nursery environment. However, the same plants may not be able to generate enough roots to adequately sustain themselves when planted outside.

Wave plugs that have been scheduled and transplanted promptly will root out better in the container and perform better when planted in the landscape. Allowing the containers to dry out slightly between waterings encourages better root development.

■ **Acclimate plants before planting.** As a general rule, greenhouse or nursery-grown plants will adapt better in the landscape if they are hardened off prior to planting. Exposing plants to the outside temperatures and allowing the soil to dry between waterings helps reduce transplant shock.

■ **Plant well-rooted plants.** Avoid planting poorly rooted plants into the landscape. Poorly rooted plants may wilt quickly if the temperatures become very warm soon after planting.

■ **Follow good soil preparation practices.** **Wave** petunias tolerate a wide range of soil conditions. However, tilling the soil for good aeration, providing good drainage and maintaining the proper pH (5.5 to 6.0 is optimum) all contribute to successful landscape plantings.

■ **Rotate plantings.** While it is tempting to use **Wave** petunias every year due to their exceptional garden performance, it is not recommended to plant petunias in the same beds every year in order to avoid the build-up of harmful disease pathogens specific to petunias. This can occur whenever the same type of plants are used in the same bed year after year.

■ **Petunias prefer sun.** **Wave** petunias thrive in bright, sunny locations with at least 6 hours of direct sunlight. Sun is a **MUST** to keep **Wave** plants covered with blooms and looking terrific all season long.

■ **Space adequately.** For fast fill, space **Wave** petunias 12 to 18 in. (30 to 45 cm) apart in the landscape. **Wave** petunias spread 3 to 4 ft. (0.9 to 1.2 m), so they can be spaced as far as 24 in. (60 cm) apart. Spacing plants closer than 12 in. (30 cm) can lead to overcrowding and contribute to disease.

■ **Water early.** **Wave** petunias are excellent landscape performers. However, like any other plant, they need adequate water after planting in order to get established in the landscape.

■ **Provide adequate nutrition.** Give plenty of feed. **Wave** petunias are vigorous growers and benefit from heavier feeding than standard petunias. A slow-release fertilizer can be incorporated at planting time. Later in the season, if the plants start to turn yellow, a liquid feed such as 20-10-20, can be applied. Always follow the rates recommended on the label.

A good way to get the plants off to a fast start is to water the plants with a liquid fertilizer prior to planting.

Wave petunias put on exceptional shows in all types of containers! Tips for using Wave petunias in containers follow.

Additional Tips for Using Wave Petunias in Containers

■ **Wave** petunias are multi-purpose! In addition to making a wonderful flowering groundcover, they're spectacular in hanging baskets, large containers, street planters and window boxes.

■ Containers dry out more quickly than ground plantings. Since containers need to be watered more frequently, nutrients are likely to be leached from the containers more quickly. As a result they may also require more frequent feeding.

■ Keep your **Wave** petunias well-fed and don't let them dry out between waterings. Apply a liquid fertilizer once a week or use a combination of liquid and slow-release fertilizers, following the rates recommended on the labels.

For more information on **Wave** spreading petunias, check the website at Wave-Rave.com.

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