

Growing your Grass Tree

Grass Trees are uniquely Australian and the species we mostly sell at Tree Tenders is *Xanthorrhoea glauca* which occurs naturally in the Inverell region. This ensures they are suited to local climatic conditions.

- You need to plant your Grass Tree in a **sunny or semi shaded position** in the garden.
- Grass Trees will not survive prolonged waterlogging so **ALWAYS mound** up the area into which you want to plant the Grass Tree.
- **Water** in well at the time of planting. Water once or twice a week (depending on the weather) until the plant is established – maybe 6 weeks.
- Once established your Grass Tree will have minimal water requirements.
- It is OK to fertilise Grass Trees but **only** with slow release **NATIVE fertiliser 2 – 3 times per year**.
- When planting into the garden, remove the pot carefully ensuring minimum root disturbance. Plant to the height of the existing root ball and back fill carefully to exclude air pockets and minimize settling.
- It is good practice to plant your Grass Tree near other plants with similar requirements so that the watering and fertilising regime suit all the plants in that area.
- You can trim the dead fronds from the base of the Grass Trees if you want to.
- Keep an eye on the central growth of the crown for mealy bugs and scale insects which can cause sooty mould to grow on the fronds. Spray with a general purpose insecticide for these bugs.

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