

TIPS ON TAKING CUTTINGS

There are several different types of cuttings and each plant responds best at different times.

Spring/ Early Summer: soft tip cuttings, herbs, shrubs.

Mid Summer to Autumn: Semi hardwood cuttings, more mature evergreen shrubs and trees

Winter: hardwood cuttings: deciduous shrubs and vines

Key points

- Take cutting material early in the morning and plunge into a bucket of water.(avoid flowering material)
- When you have prepared the cuttings, keep them in water until planted.
- Use a sandy potting mix, well wetted down.
- Dip the cut end in honey or rooting powder before planting. Use a dibble stick to make each hole in the mix. Two thirds in the mix, one third out.
- You can put many cuttings in the same pot.
- Place 3 sticks around the edge of the pot and cover with a plastic bag secured with a tie.
- The key is never to let them dry out.
- Place in the shade.
- When the plants have clearly taken and have new leaves, tip out gently and separate to pot up.
- They can't go straight in the ground until a bigger root mass has formed.