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For the New
Owner of
Bamboo



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*We give you confidence in using
Bamboo to create your Garden Haven*

Supplying Melbourne and Victoria

We work with Landscapers,
Developers, Garden Stylists
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Red Cloud Bamboo specialises
in Bamboo varieties for the
Melbourne and Victorian areas.
With a range of bamboos for
different settings, we love
to answer all your questions
about bamboo.

Peter Ravesi and his team
at Red Cloud Bamboo have
created a haven for those
people intrigued by bamboo,
and wanting a stylish makeover
of their garden areas ...
whether small or large.

We take away doubts and
questions gardeners might
have utilising bamboo in their
gardens.



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Introducing Bamboo to your Garden

Bamboo is tough yet fragile

Congratulations on purchasing a wonderful plant!

Your new bamboo will serve you well in many ways, but the first few months require extra care. All gardens need maintaining, and every plant has different needs.

Bamboo has often been misunderstood and, as specialists, we would like to offer some background information and practical tips to help you gain the full benefits of bamboo.

Here you'll find some great tips.

At first, Bamboo needs some extra care...

At Red Cloud Bamboo, we sell plants that have well-developed root systems and have been watered several times per day to maintain the maximum plant size for the container.

This has the advantage of helping you create a mature garden economically and

quickly. However, before the root system becomes established, a higher level of watering needs to be maintained.

So we want you to be aware you'll need to be watering your new bamboo at least twice a day for the first few months, while the roots are taking hold.





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Delivering Your Bamboo

Looking after your new guest

Because it's long and slender, bamboo is usually delivered lying down.

Nevertheless, it's important to make sure you find a sheltered place to stand it up in the container before planting. Please don't leave your bamboo lying down, especially on a windy day!

Just a few hours of lying in the sun can be very damaging. So, find a sheltered spot to let it stand and like all new guests, please offer it a good drink!

Sometimes your bamboo will need to wait for a day, or even a week, before you're able to plant it. This is fine, so long as you keep it in a sheltered spot and continue regular watering - at least twice a day.

This can be easy to forget on the day it arrives.

Remember to
Keep your new bamboo
**WATERED, STANDING and
SHELTERED**





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Preparing your Soil

What sort of soil do I need?

Preparing your soil appropriately will give your new bamboo the best chances of thriving. Our staff at Red Cloud Bamboo can help you with any questions you have.

Bamboo prefers a soil that is not too heavy or sandy. It likes soil rich in organic matter or humus, with good water content, drainage and a good layer of mulch.

How you can help your soil

A little soil preparation can help with those first few months of extra care required.

All soil types will be assisted by digging compost or aged manure into the soil. This will both improve the ability of

the soil to hold moisture, and deliver nutrition to help your new bamboo thrive.

As bamboo is a gross feeder, extra fertilizer throughout its life will help with vibrant growth.





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Planting

Planting is six easy steps

Dig a wok-shaped hole that is slightly deeper and twice as wide as the container. Place a good layer of compost mixed with soil into the bottom of the hole.

Lay the potted bamboo on its side, and hit the top of the container to loosen the plant from the pot. The well-established root system should release as one.

Do not disturb or try to loosen the root system.

Place the root ball on the compost base you have made in the middle of the hole, making sure the top

of it is about level with the surrounding soil.

Replace the soil around the roots, making sure not to leave air pockets. Breaking up the soil and mixing it with compost helps. It is helpful to mound the soil around the edges, to guide watering back towards the roots (please see diagram).

Add mulch over the new soil, as this will help to suppress weeds, retain water and provide nutrition. A 5cm layer is good.

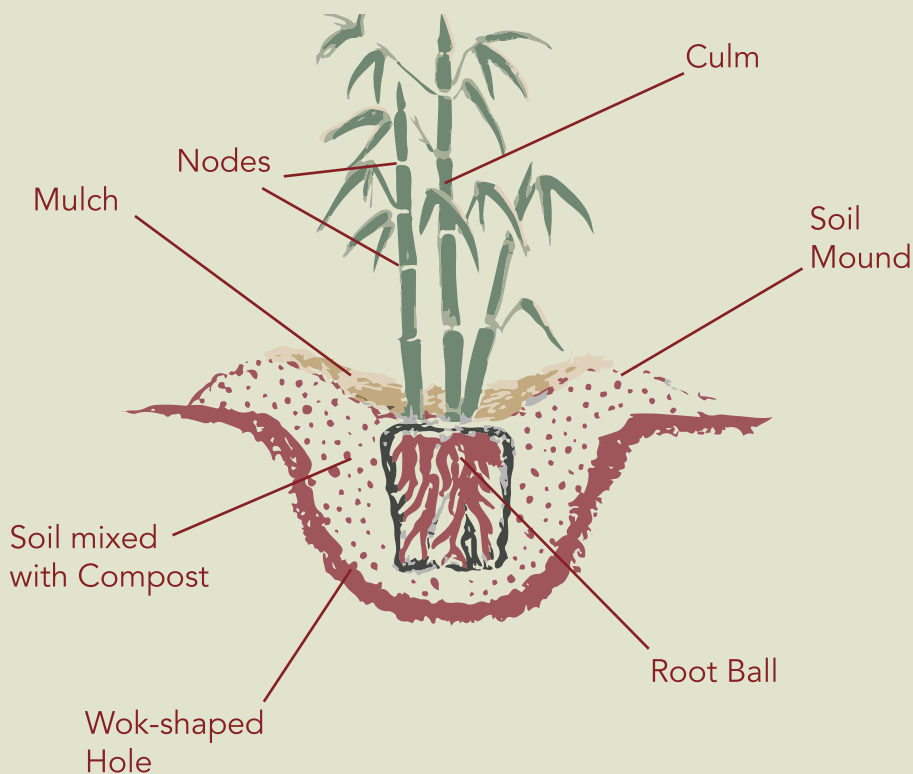
Water! Give your bamboo a heavy watering to thoroughly soak the mulch and the soil beneath.





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Planting Bamboo





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More about Watering your New Bamboo

How much water does Bamboo need?

As watering is vital initially, we want to share a few extra pointers on this.

While it's establishing, your bamboo will need more water delivered to the base where the roots are. The larger the plant, and the more foliage, the more water is needed.

There are many factors that will influence the amount of water required, including the plant's position. Sunny, exposed, and windy positions will dry it out faster. In addition, the condition of the soil is a factor to consider. Sandy soils may need a higher frequency of

watering. Clay soils can delay the spread of the roots, and thus require attention for a longer period.

More than temperature and sun, wind can have the most drying effect on bamboo, and it is important to keep this in mind when considering how much water your new bamboo is likely to need.

Remember to water on windy days!

Once it's established, your bamboo will need similar levels of watering as most plants in your garden.





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The First sign of needing more water ...

Bamboo will show the first signs of thirst by rolling its leaves like drinking straws. Your bamboo will bounce back with a good watering.

It is good to know that bamboo is tolerant of grey water.

Please remember, that if you use a drip system, it will not be enough. You'll need to supplement with additional hand watering or preferably with high volume emitters placed directly on the rootball. Remember also, if you have heavier clay soil, this can delay the spreading of the roots, and













































































































































can increase the amount of time your bamboo may need more watering delivered at the roots.

Be assured, once it is established, your bamboo will settle into your garden as a very easy to maintain companion.

On the next page you'll find a handy tracker to help you maintain this heavier watering phase. This is only a guide and you still need to keep an eye on how much water your bamboo requires for the weather and your situation.



Watering Tracker

Arrival	Standing, Sheltered and Watered						
Planting	Remember to mulch and a give a heavy watering						
tick or colour as you water	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1st Month							
Water 2-3 times each day							
							
							
							
2nd Month							
Roots are spreading, water more of garden bed							
							
							
							
3rd Month							
Remember to check every day.							
							
							
							
4th Month							
Transitioning to normal maintenance.							
							
							
							
Your Bamboo still needs attention, but it is largely established, and you can start to transition to normal watering.							

Our Varieties of Bamboo							
	Natural Height-Mel	Pruned Height	Base Allowance	Best Position	Shape	Culm Width	
C L U M P I N G B A M B O O							
	Gracilis	4-6m	2-4m	30-100cm	Full Sun	Vertical	25mm
	Oldhamii	8-12m	2-10m	100-300cm	Full Sun	Vertical	70-120mm
	Fasca	5-8m	2-7m	80-150cm	Full Sun	Vertical	25-30mm
	Ghost	5-8m	2-5m	80-150cm	Full Sun	Fountain	30-40mm
	Alphonse Karrs	3-4m	1-3m	30-100cm	Full Sun	Fountain	15-20mm
	Himalayan Weeping	2-3m	1-2m	25-60cm	Part Shade	Fountain	10mm
	Nepalese Blue	2-4m	1-2m	25-60cm	Part Shade	Vertical	10mm
	China Gold	4-7m	2-5m	50-150cm	Full Sun	Vertical	30-40mm
Gold Stripe	4-6m	1.5-3m	40-120cm	Full Sun	Vertical	10-20mm	
R U N N I N G B A M B O O							
	Phyllostachys nigra	3-5m	1-3m	running	Part Shade	Splay	22-30mm
	Phyllostachys green Varieties	3-5m	1-3m	running	Full Sun	Vertical	20-25mm