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Care & Handling of your new **Lavender** Plants!

Soil...

- Lavender likes sandy, loamy, 'sweet' (alkaline), well-drained soil – some rocks are also fine
- Amend soil with bone meal, oyster shell (lime) & a small amount of chicken manure
- Avoid mulching with organic matter, use light-colored inorganic material for mulch (oyster shell is preferred)

Planting...

- Plant in full sun (6 + hours daily minimum!)
- Add to soil in each hole:
 - 1/2 bone meal and 2 cups lime or oyster shell
 - 1/2 cup chicken manure or 3-4 chicken manure pellets
- Dress around top of plant with oyster shell/lime (this will absorb into the soil with watering and serve to reflect the light back up to the underside of the plant)
- 'Grosso' plants should be planted 3' on center in a row, and 5.5 feet between rows

Watering – Do's...

- Water at night around plant without getting water on foliage
- Keep weeds from growing around base to minimize transpiration, to keep humidity low
- For the first month after planting, water 1x per week (or as needed) and thereafter 1-2x per month for the 1st year. For the 2nd year, water 1-2x per month - in the evening - as needed.
- Baby your plants for the first 2 years until their root systems are established. After the 2nd year the root system will be 3x the size of the plant itself.

Watering – Don'ts...

- Be careful not to water using hot water from the hose. Allow this to drain completely out of the hose first and use only cool water for your little plants.
- Do not allow the roots to stand in water, or they will rot.
- Caution: do not allow plants to get their leaves wet, or that will open them up to the potential of getting a fungal infection. Lavender can handle cold-wet (hence their survival during our Northern CA winters), but not hot-wet. Minimize getting the plants wet in the summertime.

Harvesting...

- Plants flower in June to late July and are ready to be harvested then. Once the flowers have opened, the plants need to be cut back to a pincushion or porcupine shape (much like when you purchased them). The plants will again bloom in the fall, and this is a good time to prune the plant back by at least half (weed whackers work well). **This keeps the plant healthy and vital for many years...and will insure it does not become leggy and woody over time.**

We hope you enjoy your little lavender plants just as much as we do ours!