



Top Tropicals guide to recovering avocado plant after shipping.

The key for success in growing avocado both in a container or in the ground is perfect drainage along with ample watering. This plant needs good amount of moisture for establishing root system but at the same time it does not tolerate wet feet! Here are some useful tips:

- Once you received an avocado from mail order, plant it in a pot of **exactly** the same size as its root ball. Using larger container may kill the plant due to too much moisture in soil. Place plant in shade for a week or two especially if it looks wilted. Move into full sun gradually.
- Use only well drained potting mix. You may add extra perlite if available or simply orchid mix (bark) for better drainage. Also, you can add pebbles on the bottom of a pot for better drainage. Do not use any coral rock! Styrofoam peanuts works well too.
- Make sure the pot sits on elevated platform and excess water drains freely. Remember, no wet feet!
- Water daily, but not overwater. If temperatures are high, touch to check soil and water more often if needed (if soil gets dry).
- As the plant shows new growth and roots start growing through the pot hole – repot in next size container (one or two inches wider) or in the ground (if you live in warm climate).
- When ready to plant in the ground, make sure to choose a spot with good drainage and no chance of standing water. Plant the tree on a little "hill," four to five inches higher than surrounding area. Mulch very well. Water daily with a garden house as needed. Once plant is well-established, you may rely on irrigation system.