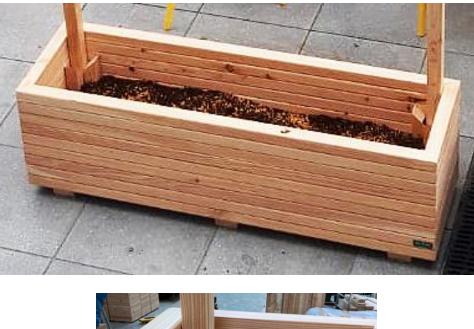


## INSTALLING LIVING SCREENS IN LARCH PLANTERS

1. The planters are delivered full constructed and the posts simply need to be dropped into the support sleeves, as shown in the photo below





Planter showing corner post sleeves to hold the posts

- 2. If you have ordered the optional capping beam, place it in position on top of the posts and screw it into each post from above
- 3. Planting the screens is easily carried out by any client with gardening experience, or local gardener / handyman / builder.

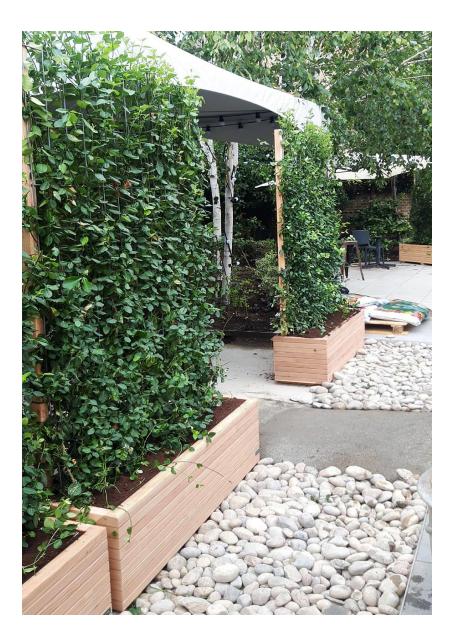
Requirements : One bag of drainage gravel or clay hydroponic pebbles (any 10+mm local garden centre gravel); 4 bags of multipurpose compost per living screen planter; Slow release fertilizer; Heavy duty cable ties or Velcro tree ties or galvanised staples. (see below, including Amazon links in appendix)

- Spread the drainage gravel or clay hydroponic clay pebbles\* over the base of the planter, followed by a compost layer spread over the gravel to leave enough room for the screen basket (25cm depth) to bring the planted screen about 1 to 2 cm below the top of the planter.
- Mix a slow release granular fertilizer into the compost, as recommended on the pack. Available from a local garden centre or Amazon (See Amazon link below). Professional compost and clay pebbles can be obtained on line from Green-Tec (See links below in appendix
- Place the screen top of the compost, close against the 2 posts.
- Ensure that the basket, with root system is in good contact all round with the compost.
- Back fill all the spaces around the basket, firming the compost as you add it.
- Bring the level of the compost around the screen basket up to a level between 1.5 to 2 cm below the top of the planter. (To leave sufficient depth below the top of the planter for stone dressing if desired, and watering the screens without it overflowing.
- Finally the screens can be attached to the posts or if they are going against a wall or fence with our specialist galvanised brackets, as shown below



- Alternatively use either 3 heavy duty cable ties, or velcro tree ties per post or galvanised staples. All available from garden centres or from Amazon. (See Amazon links below)
- Water thoroughly, and, as with most plants, ensure that the compost doesn't dry out. If possible, an inexpensive dripper irrigation linked to an outside tap and timer is the most effective way of avoiding the screens drying out.
- Replenish slow release fertilizer every 6 months.
- Trim back excess growth to and re-shape in September, or earlier if required.





## Appendix

## Amazon links

Velcro tree ties – click HERE Or 30 mm heavy duty cable ties – click HERE Or Galvanised staples – click HERE Slow release granular fertilizer – click HERE Hydroponic clay pebbles (Lecca) – click HERE

Westland New Horizon peat free compost 60L -click HERE

(100% sustainable, natural & peat-free compost)

## **Green-Tec Horticultural links**

Multipurpose compost (Humax) - click HERE Hydroponic clay pebbles (Lecca) - click HERE

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