

Verdant Phoenix Willow Cutting Care

Planting willow cuttings and growing tips:

You can grow willows in a wide range of soil types, but they prefer well drained soils in full sun. The willows will grow in almost all areas of the US and are very hardy. Willows in general have a tendency to be variable to climate and growing conditions. Your willow bed should ideally be free of any perennial weeds. Get your willow growing area ready the year before you plant.

February through April. You can leave the willow cuttings in your fridge until you are ready to plant them. Plant when the ground has thawed and danger of hard frost has passed (when daffodils are blooming, etc). Later is fine if it allows you to prepare the area, control weeds, and get mulch ready.

Willow cuttings root easily. Plant by simply pushing the cuttings into the ground with the buds facing up. If the soil is rocky or compacted, make a hole with a dibber or a stick for each cutting. Try to plant the cuttings 6 to 9 inches into the ground, putting several nodes underground to grow roots. Leave 2 or 3 nodes/buds above the soil surface to grow leaves. Firm the soil around the planted cuttings, water in, and mulch.

Willows need to be watered! Make sure to maintain adequate soil moisture, especially the first year. Mulching your plants can help maintain soil moisture, protect soil biology, and prevent weeds from encroaching.