

## **SELF WATERING INSERT:**

Keeping your plants healthy and beautiful requires constant care and attention. With Barkman's self-watering insert add-on, you can greatly reduce how often your plants need watering.

The self-watering insert is essentially a reservoir that sits below the soil, feeding water into the plant root system when needed. The reservoir is refilled through a tube that extends from either the top or side of the planter. These inserts are available in both large and small sizes to fit most Barkman square or round planters.

The self-watering insert comes complete with the main insert, pre-glued landscape fabric, clamp and tubes for both the top and sides of the planter.

### *Materials:*

To install the self-watering insert, you will need 3 – 6 inches of clean river rock depending on the size of the planter and the requirements of your plants. You will also need 4-way topsoil mix to fill the remainder of the planter.

### *Installation:*

1. First determine whether you want to water your plants from the top or from the side before preparing your planter. If you decide on the top, plug the hole on the side with the screw provided. If you decide on the side, make sure that there's a hole in your planter for the water hose.
2. Place 3 to 6 inches of clean river rock inside the planter.
3. Then place the self-watering insert in the center of the planter, on top of the river rock.
4. If watering from the side, connect the tubes provided and insert them in the drainage hole on the side of the planter. Then place landscape fabric on top of the hole for the top tubing to prevent soil from going into the planter.
5. If watering from the top, put landscape fabric on the top hole then place the tube provided.
6. Fill the reservoir with water.
7. After that, cover the self-watering insert on top and all sides with four-way mix topsoil.
8. Plant your flowers in the freshly laid soil. Make sure to leave a space for the top filling tube so you can put water in it when needed, if you're using that option.

The self-watering insert for planters, another concrete solution from Barkman.