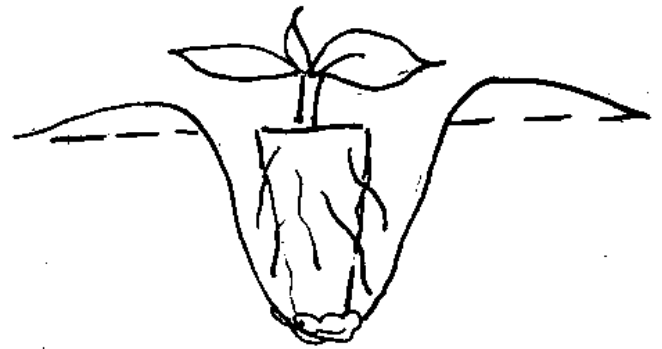
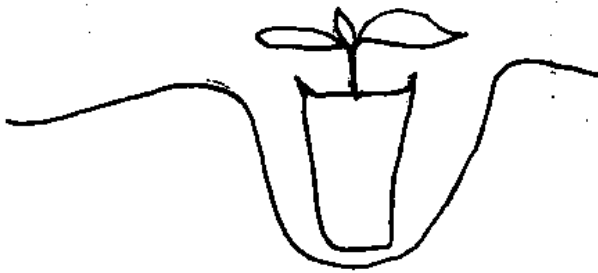


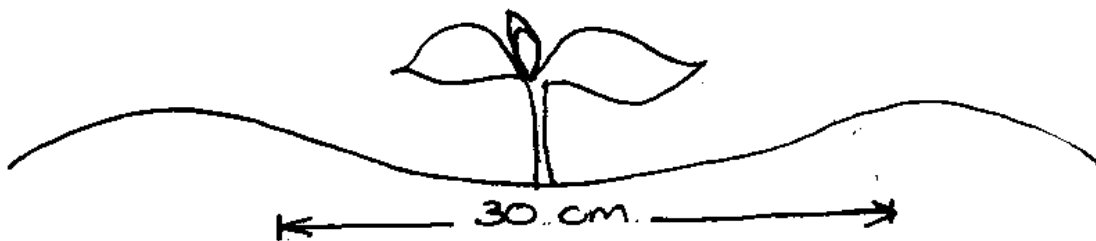
Planting and Maintenance Guidelines

Planting

- Holes should be dug slightly deeper than size of container and twice as wide.
- Check by placing container into hole.



- Fill hole with water and allow to drain
- Next, check if any roots protruding from bottom of tube before removing plant, if so, trim off (tip prune plant itself if root pruning, to cut down stress and dehydration)
- Squeeze grow-tube at bottom firmly
- Place stem of plant between fingers, turn upside down and firmly shake out.
- If pot bound, gently tease out roots by running knife down sides of root ball
- Place plant in hole so that surface of tube is level with original ground surface.
- Back fill around tube, taking care not to damage root stock of tube, finger down firmly so there is no air pockets around plant. (Make sure there is no mulch mixed with soil at this stage)
- Don't build soil level up stem of plant (creates stem rot).



- Leave pan shape 'dish', double handspans approx 30 cm around base of plant to collect water (from rain and hand watering). Should be able to water at least half a bucket onto plant without running off.
- Water in gently, up to half a bucket per plant dependent upon soil dampness, applying water upslope of planting and not directly onto root ball.
- Check that roots are not exposed after watering, if so backfill with topsoil
- Mulch lightly around plant, don't heap mulch against stem of plant (open to insect attack and stem rot)

Maintenance

- Water tubestock at least once a week - half a bucket of water or more.
- In hot weather every 2-3 days for approx. first month till plant settles in.
- Best to water early mornings or late evenings
- Best to water well - a good soak, as plants will develop deep and strong root systems. Shallow light watering encourages roots to grow towards surface of soil - plants are less hardy, more susceptible to drying out.
- Best not to stake unless necessary. Staking can alter shape of growth, and develops smaller and less stable root systems. Plants more prone to being blown over by wind when mature.