



TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Children growing our future

Dear TfS Teacher

Orders:

There is a two week allowance for delivery of orders. We are unable to deliver on request therefore it is very important that you check your supplies and order when they are getting low. Please email your orders direct to admin@tfsnz.org.nz by downloading an order form from: www.tfsnz.org.nz/schools.cfm. In preparation for the Christmas break please check your supplies as **Final Orders need to be in by Monday 28 November 2011**. Our last delivery date for the year is [Friday 9 December 2011](#).

Fertiliser

Nitrosol is replacing both Osmocote and Thrive and can be ordered **once your supplies of Osmocote and Thrive have been used up**. Again please place an order or ask your Field Officer as they may be able to supply a bottle for you from their car stock. Nitrosol may be used all year round.

Jobs for November: Aim to complete potting on in November

- All punnets should have been pricked out, any over 20cm in height and/or with well formed root system (open a Root Trainer to check one) to be potted on
- If big enough plant straight into bags or milk cartons rather than root trainers, particularly manuka and kanuka. If planted into bags before Christmas they have a greater chance of not drying out over the holidays and there is less pressure to get them potted on in time for next years planting season. Please contact your TfS and Auckland Council field officers to help out with this.
- Please ask students to collect and use clean recycled Tetrapak milk or juice containers with square base and/or recycle the PB3/4s you brought back from planting day instead of new PB3/4s whenever possible
- Are all your plants sorted into crates according to species? – manuka, cabbage trees etc. Different species grow at different rates so this is important for optimal results
- Rotate the position of the crates within the PGU if necessary to ensure even plant growth as some areas are drier, shadier, etc.
- Weeding - very important especially in the lead up to the Christmas holidays. Children should continue to learn to identify weeds and remove them so that space, soil and nutrients are not compromised
- Check that your trees are getting enough water. In the bags the potting mix should feel moist when a finger is poked into a depth of 1-2cm. In root trainers open one up and check the depth of the moist soil
- Adjust your timer for summer watering - start preparing for the summer watering and monitoring. You should be checking the watering system once a week to ensure that faults do not occur. Turn the water on and observe the water spray pattern and check for blockages or uneven spray. If there are any problems with the irrigation or timer please contact your Auckland Council field officer as soon as possible
- Before you go on holiday ensure the Timer has new batteries and someone will check that all is in order at least once a week during the long break

We appreciate all you do as you seek to achieve fantastic results in the Trees for Survival Program.

Regards
The TfS Team

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