Fairfield Window Box Instructions

(part #'s 5822, 5823, 5824)

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General Information:

- Read instructions carefully before beginning assembly.
- Identify each component from material list.
- Do not use excessive force when assembling components.
- To clean this product, for best results use a soap solution and high-pressure water.
- The molded polyethylene construction is designed to withstand cold temperatures but you may wish to winter store the planter in a shed or garage to offer the best protection from extreme cold.
- Wall mount brackets include screws for general mounting applications; however when installing on brick and concrete, masonry screws or anchors are required.

Missing or defective parts? Call our customer service department toll free at 866-363-8834.

(Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm EST)

Materials List:

Part # Description

Decorative Window Planter (36in, 48in, or 60in length)

Wall Mount Brackets (3-pack, 4-pack, or 5-pack)

#8 x 2.5in steel screw (2 screws included with each bracket)

Tools Required:





Drill Bit

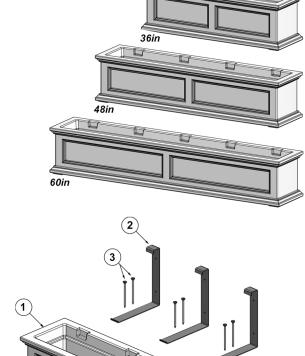








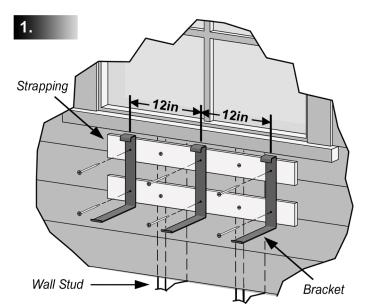




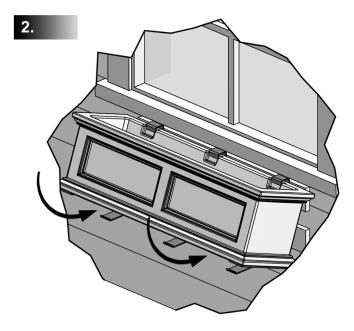
IMPORTANT NOTE:

• Do not overload the window boxes. Lightweight filler and potting mixes are recommended and yield better plant growth. Best suited for flowers, herbs, or small plants.



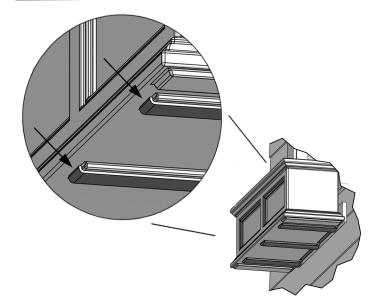


Install each bracket (part 2) using two screws (part 3), the required spacing is 12 inches on center. This is important to ensure the brackets line up properly with the planter. For installation on siding we recommend the use of strapping. Fasten the boards to the studs for extra strength. When installing into brick or concrete we recommend using masonry screws available at your local hardware store.



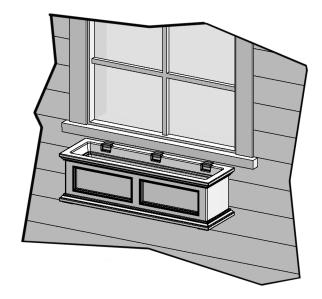
Tip the planter box into the brackets as illustrated ensuring the lips of the brackets fit into the molded grooves.





The molded feet on the bottom of the planter should sit flush on the brackets. Ensure that the front edge of each fotting is seated properly against the lip on the bracket. It may be necessary to bend the bracket upward slightly to create a tighter fit.





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Planting Instructions

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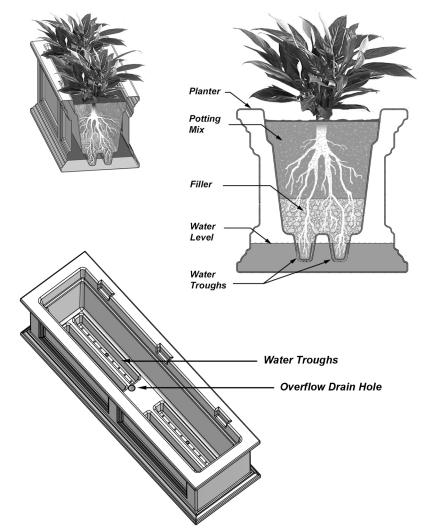
General Planting Recommendations:

To maximize the efficiency of the sub-irrigation system and encourage healthy plant growth we recommend the following steps when setting up your planters:

- 1) Pour water directly into the planter to fill the reservoir. Allow the excess water to pour out the overflow hole. On the Fairfield window box the overflow is molded into the center of the soil basin and empties out through the bottom of the planter.
- 2) Next, add a few inches of lightweight filler to the bottom of the planter. This is optional but adding the lightweight filler will offer 3 benefits: it will reduce the amount of potting mix required, it encourages faster root growth down into the troughs, and it will help decrease the overall weight of the planter making it easier to move around. Some suggestions for lightweight fillers include lava rock, mulch, wood chips, or foam packing peanuts (don't use foam packing peanuts if you are growing edible plants).
- 3) Fill the planter with a potting mix to within an inch or two of the top. Regular garden soil is not recommended since it compacts too easy and doesn't allow for proper aeration or drainage.
- **4)** Start planting and enjoy!

Sub-Irrigation System

The Fairfield window box includes a trough design creating a sub-irrigation water reservoir at the bottom of the planter. As noted in the steps above, the water reservoir can be filled prior to planting. Alternatively, the window box can be planted first and then with regular watering the reservoir will naturally fill up. Once the reservoir is full, capillary action allows water to soak upward keeping the soil and plant roots moist. To avoid oversaturation an overflow hole is molded through the floor of the window box allowing excess water to drain out from the bottom of the planter. Regular watering is required for the first few weeks giving the root system time to develop. Once the roots have grown down into the troughs the plants will be able to pull moisture from the reservoir creating a self watering effect. With this system you will find the potting mix stays moist longer than traditional containers planters. Please note that even with the reservoir and self watering effect, occasional watering is still needed.



NOTE: Results may vary depending on the type of plant and depth of the root system. The above information is only suggested and Mayne holds no liability for the condition or growth of your plants.

Optional Fill Port Instructions

Plug Installation:

Mayne planters are molded with a double wall design that creates an internal water reservoir. To provide direct access to the reservoir we recommend drilling a 3/4 inch hole on the top or back side of the planter. To cover the hole we have included a rubber plug that can be easily removed to fill or drain the planter as needed.

Note: The rubber plug is provided as an added feature so the following steps are optional. Not intended for use on the bottom of the planter as the plug may not create a water tight seal.

