**Instructions For Waterboxx PlantCocoon® Garden Planting: to plant trees please see Tree Planting Instructions**

**Planting Your Plant**

1. **These instructions do not correspond to the picture instructions for planting trees.** You can either transplant garden annuals when 6-8 inches tall into their final location, or plant them as seeds in their final location. Cucurbits (e.g., zucchini, squash, cucumbers, pumpkins) do better when directly seeded into the garden while tomatoes and peppers should be transplanted. If direct seeding, wait until the plants are 6-8 inches tall before placing the Waterboxx.

2. The Waterboxx needs to be level to be most effective. You can use the Waterboxx for garden planting in raised beds or in traditional in-ground planting, but the soil will need to be level first. Use a bubble leveling tool to level off an area 20 inches in diameter.

3. The dumbbell shaped central opening of the Waterboxx needs to be on an east-west axis so small plants growing in it receive the most sunlight. The small compass rose on the Waterboxx lid (with the 4 cardinal directions) should be aligned so that N is pointing north once fully assembled.

4. Decide if you are planting one, two or three garden plants (see attached chart). Use the white evaporation cover with corrugated plastic cut-outs to estimate where the holes should be for the plants. For example, if planting 2 plants they should be 5.5 inches apart.

5. For each plant, remove one corrugated plastic cut-out from the white evaporation cover. For example, if you are planting one plant, remove the central cut-out. If two, remove the two lateral (end) cut-outs.

6. Using the evaporation cover as a placement guide, transplant your plants/plant your seeds into their desired location. If planting seeds directly into your garden bed, plant seeds using the evaporation cover as a guide and leave the evaporation cover in place (weighted down with a heavy object). If growing plants from seed, wait until they are 6-8 inches tall until placing the Waterboxx. Plant and place the evaporation cover around your plant by using the slit cut into the evaporation cover to open it.

7. Before placing the Waterboxx PlantCocoon®, give your plants a good but gentle watering (1/8-1/4 gallon) and make sure the soil is well fertilized.

**Assembling Your Waterboxx PlantCocoon®**

8. **Inserting the Wick(s):** Decide how many wicks your Waterboxx will have by using the attached chart. If using more than one wick, drill holes with a 3/16 inch drill bit for each wick in the base of the Waterboxx. Slowly twist the wick(s) through the hole in the bottom of the Waterboxx basin, and then use needle nose pliers to **carefully** pull the wick halfway through. This step is where most damage occurs to the Waterboxx if done improperly. Equal parts of the wick should be inside and outside the Waterboxx. The half of the wick outside the Waterboxx should sit under the green basin, and not be pointing to the central opening or sitting on the evaporation cover.

9. Place the black midplate inside the green Waterboxx basin. Make sure the circular hole on the black midplate is adjacent (not opposite) the overflow circular hole in the side of the green basin. These holes should be north of the Waterboxx.

10. Add the corrugated, cream colored lid to the top of the Waterboxx, with the large circular hole over the circular hole in the black midplate, with the green basin visible beneath the circular hole. **Ensure the lid is tightly fastened around its outer rim and that the two green tabs stick through their corresponding holes north and south of the central opening.**

11. Carefully insert the blue siphons to north and south of the central dumbbell shaped opening. Also add the blue cap north of the central opening, and twist it securely in place.

12. Place the Waterboxx PlantCocoon® over your garden plants carefully, with the hole in the side of the green basin facing north. Your plants should be visible in the central opening of the Waterboxx.

13. Add water to the Waterboxx by slowly pouring it onto the lid. The water will funnel into the basin like rainwater. If you expect rain soon after set up, you do not need to fill the Waterboxx completely. 4 inches of rain fills the Waterboxx reservoir. You can check the water level in the Waterboxx PlantCocoon® by removing the blue cap. With more than one wick, the Waterboxx may need to be periodically refilled depending on dew and rain amounts. Do not put fertilizer in the Waterboxx or it may clog the wicks.