



## Using perlite

This guide is designed to provide you with useful information about using perlite in your WaterUps® wicking bed.

### Perlite in the wicks

Adding Perlite to the 'wicks' will improve airflow through to the soil. Both fine and medium grain perlite work effectively for this purpose.

The wicks, which are the 4 feet at the base of each cell, should be filled with perlite. This will require approximately 2 litres of perlite per WaterUps® cell.

#### QUICK TIP

If you are putting a layer of GeoTec fabric over the top of your cells to protect against root intrusion then you will need to ensure that there is enough perlite in each wick so that it mounds to about 5mm above the height of the cell.

To work out how much Perlite you will need, we suggest that you use the calculator tool on our website which you can go to using the link below.

#### Further information

[Click here to go to the WaterUps® Product Calculator](#)



### Safe handling

Avoid generating dust. Wear appropriate protective equipment to prevent inhalation, skin and eye contact. Ensure a high level of personal hygiene is maintained when using perlite. That is – **always wash your hands before eating, drinking, smoking or using the toilet after handling perlite.**

### Storage

Store the perlite in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight and moisture. Store in labelled containers. Keep containers tightly closed. Store away from water and incompatible materials.

### First Aid

**Inhaled:** If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing. If symptoms develop seek medical attention.

**Ingestion:** Do NOT induce vomiting. Wash out mouth with water and give plenty of water to drink. If symptoms develop seek medical attention.

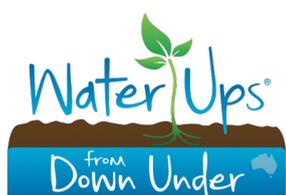
**Skin:** Wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse or discard. If symptoms develop seek medical attention.

**Eyes:** Wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse or discard. If symptoms develop seek medical attention.

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