Cultural Information
Geranium Pillar

Thank you for purchasing the Geranium Pillar assorted tray. Here are tips to growing successfully.

**Finishing**

**Soil:**
Plant in a well drained professional potting mix. pH of 5.8 - 6.3 is ideal.

**Planting:**
Plant 4 plants per 12" pot or 5 plants per 14" pot to create high quality finished product. Follow Oglevee irrigation guidelines to ensure proper root development. In high light/temperature conditions, the plants will benefit from frequent syringes of water to reduce stress while they become established.

**Fertilizing:**
Pillar geranium is an aggressive grower and responds well to a balanced fertilization program. Consider using 15-5-15, or 21-5-20 at 250ppm constant feed once plants are established.

**Pinching and Timing:**
One pinch should be done 2 to 3 weeks after planting. Subsequent pinches should be unnecessary. Once new shoots become long enough to support, twist tie (loosely) to the cage or trellis. One tie per foot of height is sufficient. A 36" tall plant can be grown in 12 to 16 weeks depending on the time of year. A good rule of thumb is 8" per month during the winter and 12" per month spring and summer.

**Insects and Diseases:**
Pillar geranium are relatively insect and disease free. Monitor for Thrip, Whitefly and Aphid and spray with any geranium labeled products. We have found no particular phyto-toxicity problems with this plant. Use good sanitation practices to reduce Botrytis infection possibilities.

**Growth regulators:** Plant growth regulators are not necessary for the production of a high quality product.