

## Caring For Your New Orchids

**S**o your new purchases have just arrived, you've carefully opened the box and separated them from the packing paper; Now what!?

In nearly all cases, Orchids travel very well and we pack carefully to avoid most any rough handling that they might encounter. Still, things can happen during transit that are beyond our control. In the unlikely event that there is some minor damage to some roots or leaves, it is usually okay to remove them. If only a portion of a leaf tip or root is subject, then remove only the portion in question. Should there be damage that you feel to be extensive, be sure to immediately notify us. We may advise filing a claim with your carrier and can advise you on the steps to take (do keep all packing).



Assuming all otherwise looks fine, if they're dry, give them a good soaking. A couple days in transit, in a box, can leave some of them (especially the smallest of ones) a bit drier than they might prefer. Since you'll not know when they might have last been fertilized, it is best to water them with clear water only. A thorough "post-transit" watering or 10 minute soak is often beneficial. Be sure to use tepid (room temp) water and try not to allow excess runoff water to remain in any central foliage crowns.

It is usually best to keep your new arrivals in a slightly shadier location than usual for a day or two until they've acclimated to being out of the dark box. After this short period, then may they be returned to the appropriate cultural conditions required to properly grow each variety.

Happy Growing!