



# Care Instructions For Your New Hypertuffa

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Hypertuffa is a light mixture of peat, perlite, and Portland cement. Although it has the appearance of concrete or natural stone it remains susceptible to degradation.

During the process of its creation, several factors including the particle size of the peat moss, humidity, and compaction of the mixture all could effect the quality of the product.

Although they can last for decades they should be moved with caution.

It is best to bring them into a garage and avoid freezing temperatures during the winter months.



Be careful when handling them; avoid dropping the container and placing it where it is likely to have contact with mowers or other power equipment.

The nature of the mixture and its curing process are part of a relatively caustic reaction which removes moisture from the atmosphere. Placing the container in a high saturated located can result in a loss of integrity and residues from contact with the container should be treated appropriately.



Skin irritation from pro-longed contact from the container can be a side effect from the alkaline nature of the Portland cement and should be treated much like reactions with concrete or cement.

The plants that you select for the container should be inspected for drought stress, because the soil depth is normally quite shallow and the plants can easily dry-out.



Make sure to enjoy the planter and allowing it to weather during the course of multiple seasons is an exciting process which yields a more naturalistic appearance.