

WINTERIZE YOUR POTTERY

Although the pottery that we sell is “freeze-proof”, you still need to take precautions to avoid winter damage to the pottery. The safest thing to do if you are going to leave the pot outside is to empty it and turn it upside down. You don't dare leave the pot full of potting soil, which will get moist and then expand when it freezes, causing the pot to crack.

We try to advise people to pot up a plastic liner pot and set it into the pottery, placing it on an upside-down plastic pot to get it at the right height. Then, you can pull out the liner and pitch the contents or take them inside for the winter, without having to deal with a large piece of pottery that is full of potting soil. The reason you need to turn the pottery upside-down is that leaves can plug the hole, or a large amount of snow can accumulate, then you get some rain, and the water might not drain out fast enough. A freeze that night, before the water drains out, can cause the bottom to crack badly.

If you didn't get a liner pot when you bought your pottery, take a measurement of the opening in the pottery next spring, and we can help you with a plastic liner to pot up.