## **Grower's Guide**



# Rooting Rudbeckia ,Sunbeckia '

Rudbeckia-Sunbeckia-rooting-english-22-08-03

The Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia' is a TC propagated variety of Rudbeckia hirta.

## **Generall instructions:**

Once the TC material arrived, open the boxes and store under daylight conditions in a room with about  $58-60^{\circ}$  F.

Try to transplant as soon as possible.



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## **Growing details in Propagation**

- Media
  - Use your general propagation media
  - o Peat Perlite Mix
    - If possible with 10-20% Perlite
  - Low rate of feed
  - o pH 5,5 5,8
- Tray
  - Use a 40 to 60 cell tray
  - Ellegard pots are also possible



- Temperatures
  - Heating 65 68°F day/night
  - Venting above 75 77°F
- Relative Humidity
  - Use in the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 4 days a polytunnel to cover or cover with a fleece
  - Carefully watch the plants! Too long coverage might cause some Botrytis.

#### Fertilization

- After roots are coming use low rates of Peters' Professional Plant Starter 10-30-20 to give rootsystem a boost before transplanting
- This will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of transplanting
- Repeat this before transplanting (5<sup>th</sup> wk)
- Daylength and intensity
  - Maintain a short day of 10 h after the first week for 3-4 weeks
  - Below 3.000 lux use LED or HPS lamps
- Growth retardants
  - Apply if necessary, a spray of B-Nine 2.500 ppm the 2<sup>nd</sup> week after transplanting and repeat once or twice
- Diseases
  - Keep high sanitation level after transplanting.
  - Trichoderma harzianum and Bacillus subtills based products are helping to prevent Botrytis.
  - If Botrytis occurs spray with
  - Look for good ventilation once roots are coming!

#### Pests

- Rudbeckia 'Sunbeckia' are not very much attracted by pests.
  - Monitor for Aphids
- Fungus Gnats should be monitored. Use preventive products based on:
  - Steinernema,
  - Hypaspis
  - Bacillus thuringiensis ssp israelensis

## Transpanting into 7,5 - 8,5" Containers

Transplant after the plants have fully rooted. Follow our growing instructions for finish production

## **Daylength after transplanting into Containers**

Start to give from transplanting on 12 -14 hours of daylength (day extension) to achieve early flowering. High light levels are possible and tolerated.

