

Growing pot

A family firm of North East Nurserymen is winning reviews from professional growers and landscape gardeners for an advanced growing system that promotes a vigorous, healthy root systems in young trees and shrubs – and has excellent environmental credentials.

The system known as Air-Pots are allowing A. Hill and Sons of Stokesley to produce trees and shrubs in a more rapid and cost-effective way.

The key component is the specially designed Air Pot itself, which is made from recycled plastic. As the roots grow, they are guided to open-ended cones in the sidewall of the pot, allowing the tip of the root to be pruned when it dehydrates. Many more new roots then grow behind the pruning,

David Hill, managing director Hill and Sons



dramatically increasing the amount of root in the root ball.

Continuous pruning eliminates root circling and allows a very fibrous root system with an exceptional number of active, white tipped roots to develop. A built-in device that allows water to be delivered directly into the root ball further encourages vigorous growth. This minimizes evaporation and makes watering more efficient, cost-effective and simpler than conventional methods.

Environmentally friendly peat compost is used for the growing medium, making the Air-Pot system exceptionally light so that trees are easy to plant and handle in transit.

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